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KING EDWARD HOTEL DISASTER.

HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE.

EUROPEANS TRAPPED IN BLAZING BUILDING.

BRITISH LADY LEAPS TO DEATH FROM UPPER FLOOR.

FIRE'S RAPID SPREAD.

One of the worst fire disasters in the history of the Colony occurred in the early hours of this morning, the King Edward Hotel being completely gutted, the blaze spreading into the upper storeys of the Savoy Hotel.

The most tragic feature was the loss of several lives, including a number of Europeans, while among the injured were General Chan Ming-shu, the Civil Governor of Kwangtung and his wife, who like many others, jumped from the blazing building and had exceedingly narrow escapes.

The fact that the fire escapes could not reach the upper floors of the burning hotel was largely responsible for the casualties. Numbers of residents were trapped and there were exciting scenes as they leaped into the jumping-sheets held out by firemen and volunteers.

One European lady, Mrs. D. J. Robson, the wife of a Naval Yard official, jumped from the fourth floor into the street and was killed instantaneously. Mr. Robson is missing.

Several charred bodies have, this morning, been observed in the ruined shell of the building. It is feared that Mr. Enos Seth, who was on a holiday visit to the Colony, is among the missing.

EYE WITNESS' STORIES.

One of the earliest Europeans on the scene was Mr. N. V. A. Croucher, of Messrs. Benjamin and Potts, who was amongst those who rendered assistance by holding the Brigade sheets into which entrapped residents of the hotel jumped. In conversation with a *Telegraph* representative, Mr. Croucher said he believed that the fire broke out at about 2.50 a.m., but the time could not be definitely stated. There also appeared some doubt as to whether the outbreak originated on the ground floor or higher up.

Mr. Croucher states that the Brigade arrived on the scene very quickly, but none the less, the fire had obtained a good hold on the building by this time. Their work was somewhat hampered owing to the fact that very little water could be got from the hydrant in front of Lane, Crawford's establishment. At this point a fire escape was got into position, but some difficulty was experienced in getting it into operation. Mr. T. H. King, the acting C.S.P., was early on the scene directing operations as head of the Fire Brigade.

It soon became apparent, said Mr. Croucher, that many residents of the King Edward Hotel had been trapped in the burning building, and some exciting rescue scenes were witnessed. In this connexion, very valuable work was rendered by men from H.M.S. Suffolk, sent out for emergency duty.

Several American sailors were seen on the verandahs facing Lee House Street and their retreat was cut off by the blazing bedrooms. The fire sheet was again not into position and the men jumped, several being safely caught and only bruised and shaken, while it is feared that at least two were so badly injured that they are among the fatalities.

Another European, thought to be a Frenchman, also jumped, but landed wide. Meanwhile, the fire had spread with tremendous rapidity, said Mr. Croucher. The entire building of the King Edward Hotel seemed to be involved and the two top floors of the Savoy Hotel were well alight. By this time a tremendous volume of water was being poured into the buildings, the fire floats getting to work from the Praya and a naval tug also coming up and getting much water into the fire zone. Mr. Croucher paid a high tribute to the work of British sailors off H.M.S. Suffolk, saying that the men worked at great hazard in doing everything they could.

Among the earliest on the scene were Europeans from the Hongkong and Shanghai Mess.

Early on the scene. A *Telegraph* reporter coming over from Kowloon at 3.30 found several people waiting for motor boats on the Kowloon side. Having offices in Alexandra building, they had been warned of the fire at the King Edward and were going over to discover the extent of the blaze. The course of the fire is described below, the initial outbreak being dealt with elsewhere by eye-witnesses who saw unfortunate residents killed and others make sensational escapes.

At four o'clock the second, third and fourth and fifth floors of the King

VICTIMS BURIED IN RUINS.

ORGANISED SEARCH THIS AFTERNOON.

WELL-KNOWN PEOPLE AMONG THE CASUALTIES.

MR. WITCHELL'S STORY.

The full extent of the grim disaster cannot be ascertained at the moment. The building was smouldering throughout the morning, and the heat was too intense to allow a thorough search of the debris to be made.

There is reason to fear that ten or more bodies are buried in the ruins. It was planned that an attempt at recovery should be made this morning, but after a consultation among the leading officials, it was decided to postpone the complete search until this afternoon.

The whole of the King Edward Hotel is gutted and the building has collapsed to the level of the first floor.

Only a close inspection of the debris will reveal the full extent of the casualties.

Manager's Narrow Escape.

The manager of the hotel, Mr. J. H. Witcheil, who lived on the fifth floor, and who, with his family had an exceedingly narrow escape, in an interview with a *Telegraph* representative this morning, said that he was awakened at about three o'clock this morning by the blowing of police whistles but believing a thief was being chased he did not bother. A few minutes later, the smoke started to pour into his room so he got up and rushed down the stairs only to be met by flames when he reached the third floor.

Realising that exit could not be had that way he promptly roused the other people in the hotel. Mr. Witcheil succeeded in escaping from the now blazing building, together with his three children, by means of the stone fire escape at the back of the building.

Jumps for Life.

A number of people were on the verandahs by this time and as far as can be ascertained, in the general pandemonium, few tried to get away by means of the fire escape, the majority risking a jump into the canvas sheets operated by the Fire Brigade. A Chinese woman was noticed climbing down a water-pipe. She eventually jumped into the sheet and received slight injuries.

It was known, said Mr. Witcheil, that Mr. C. Wendenberg, Mr. B. Henderson, Mr. L. M. Hiras and Mr. J. D. Wentz were safe, but amongst the missing were Mr. D. J. Robson, Mr. Enos Seth and a number of Chinese, who were believed to have included Mr. Ma and Mr. Y. Y. Chai.

Double Tragedy.

One of the saddest of the tragedies involved is the presumed death of both Mr. and Mrs. Douglas James Robson, who took up residence about two months ago. Mrs. Robson jumped from an upper storey to a sheet held out below, but it is understood that the unfortunate lady missed the sheet by striking a wire on her downward course. She was killed instantaneously, her back being broken.

Mr. Robson, who is missing and, therefore, believed dead, was assistant naval store officer at the Naval Yard. He was 32 years of age, and had been in the Colony about 14 months. He was well-known as a footballer, and played for the Kowloon Football Club senior team practically throughout the present season as a full-back. A very pleasant, unassuming fellow, he was universally liked. Also among the missing is Mr. Enos Seth, a cousin of Mr. Harold

THE INSURANCE.

HOW LOCAL COMPANIES ARE AFFECTED.

The King Edward Hotel belongs to the China Land Investment Company, the head of which is Mr. S. K. Lau. This property is mortgaged to the Hongkong Land Investment Agency, who, as mortgagees, have effected insurance to the extent of about \$275,000. This insurance is with the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, who, in accordance with general insurance practice, have re-insured among various local companies. The owners of the property have, themselves, effected partial insurance to cover their interest in the building.

As regards the Savoy Hotel, this is owned by the Hongkong Land Investment Agency, who have fully insured the property with the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, the amount of the cover being \$401,000 and two years' rent. This insurance has likewise been "farmed out" and most of the local insurance offices are interested parties.

We have been unable to ascertain the amount of the insurance on the contents of the King Ed-

THE CASUALTIES.

MANY STILL MISSING.

It is not yet possible to obtain a full list of the casualties, owing to the state of the ruined premises, rendering it unsafe for a search among the debris for missing residents. Below are the names of those definitely known to have been killed or injured, together with some of the unfortunate persons believed to have been incinerated.

DEAD.

Mr. P. Baile (Mr. Max Pickman) (French).

Seaman Kish (American), U.S.S. Memphis.

Mrs. D. J. Robson (British).

Mr. William Woods (British).

Mr. Chung (Secretary to Gen. Chan Ming-shu).

Two other Chinese (unidentified).

An unidentified Japanese woman.

INJURED.

Gen. Chan Ming-shu, Civil Governor of Canton.

Madame Chan Ming-shu.

Andrew Piccoli (28), U.S.S. Memphis.

To Chat (52), Hotel "Boy."

Ng Jor-yin (19), Hotel "Boy."

Leung Kwan, Hotel "Boy."

MISSING (FEARED DEAD).

Mr. D. J. Robson (British).

Mr. Enos Seth (British).

Mr. Ma.

Mr. Y. Y. Chai.

Capt. W. Y. Wu, a Cantonese naval officer.

And Others.

ward Hotel, but we are informed that the contents of the Savoy Hotel are fully covered with the Union Trading Society and other companies.

Seth and Mr. Hennessey, who were well-known in Hongkong, having been with Mr. J. D. Humphreys and Co. for about fifteen years prior to 1916. In 1916, he left the Colony and went into business in London, and it was in connexion with that business that he was in the Colony. For some time he had stayed with his relatives, but as he wished to be in the centre of town to receive Chinese buyers, he took up residence in the King Edward Hotel a few days ago. (Continued on Page 11.)

SCENES OF UTTER DESTRUCTION.

'VISIT TO RUINED BUILDING.

POLICE PARTY'S SEARCH FOR THE MISSING.

RESIDENTS' LOSSES.

After a preliminary search party had visited the premises this morning, a representative of the *Telegraph* went over the two hotel's storey by storey, and got a vivid impression of the damage caused by fire and water.

Thanks to the courtesy of the police and firemen on the scene, our representative was allowed to go over the buildings unhampered and he saw a scene of utter desolation and destruction.

Entering the Savoy Hotel from the entrance in Chater Road, our representative found his way to the dining room on the first floor by ascending the main stairway. At the entrance there were four coffins in readiness to carry away such dead bodies as might be found by the firemen in the course of their search among the debris in the adjoining hotel. The entrance hall was scattered with the property of residents of the hotel, and here and there could be seen residents, sitting on boxes and improvised stools.

Water Pouring In.

The dining room on the first floor of the Savoy Hotel was not damaged by fire at all, but on the polished floor there was about six inches of water and through the roof more water was steadily pouring.

Access to the upper storeys from the dining room was only possible through a stairway at the back of the building. On this stairway, firemen had about six hoses.

The second floor of the Savoy Hotel was only damaged by water, beds and beddings, furniture and fixings being much damaged. A fireman who was on duty on this floor explained that the damage was wholly due to leakage from the higher floors, and added that a heavy deluge of water had come through into this storey because water had been pumped into the higher storeys for four hours.

Scene of Confusion.

On the next floor, our representative saw that the damage was very much the same as on the lower storey, with the exception that the scene of confusion was greater. Beds and beddings showed signs of having been hurriedly left and furniture bore the impression that residents had made hasty searches for property and then cleared out before the rooms were enveloped in flames.

On the fourth floor there were marks on the ceiling showing where the fire had almost burned through.

After wading a way through, our representative came upon a sight of utter desolation. The whole of the floor was razed, and the partitions were burned to cinders. There were bed frames, but no bedding whilst the wooden furniture was reduced to ashes. What remained were broken bits of crockery, and such silver or bronze ware as withstood the ravages of the flames.

Evidence that residents here made attempts to put out the fire themselves were to be seen. A patent fire extinguisher of large size, was seen on the floor, with soda coming out of it, and from its position it would seem that an attempt had been made to employ it.

Looking up from this floor, one could see through to the sky, although there was another storey above. Our representative, determined to go through (Continued on Page 8.)

AMAZING ESCAPES.

A ROPE OF SHEETS AND BLANKETS.

PERILOUS EXPERIENCES OF TRAPPED RESIDENTS.

CHAN MING-SHU HURT.

Perhaps the most sensational escape was made by a Petty Officer in the American Navy, who is stated to be Mr. Phillips, of the U.S.S. Asheville.

The story of his escape is related by various eye-witnesses, from which it appears that the man had been occupying a room in the King Edward Hotel for the night and was first seen by those standing in Lee House street when he appeared on one of the verandahs. Stories differ as to which floor it was, but from the evidence of the blanket rope which still hangs out of one of the hotel windows it seems clear that the escape was made from the fourth floor.

Hemmed in by flames and unable to get down the ordinary staircase of the hotel, Mr. Phillips went back into his room, took the sheets and blankets off the bed and made them into a rope which he fastened to the verandah. He could see the waiting fire escape down below, but it fell short of the floor he was on, and, with remarkable presence of mind, he determined to reach the fire escape by means of his improvised rope.

Chose Own Method.

Having secured the rope to the verandah, he climbed over, despite many cries from the street that he should jump down into one of the sheets held by firemen. Choosing his own method of escape, he lowered himself down the blanket rope to the third floor which could be reached by the fire escape. He then succeeded in getting on the ladder and thus made his way down to the street in safety.

Eye-witnesses who saw the escape are unanimous in their opinion that it required much pluck to essay the feat of getting down to the ladder. From all accounts the escape was made with a remarkable presence of mind, which called forth cheers from the spectators below, who watched every movement of the man high up above.

Another Escape.

An equally perilous escape was made by another resident on the third floor of the King Edward Hotel, Mr. J. Wentz, an American, who told a *Telegraph* reporter that he was awakened by screams and general confusion. There was, however, no apparent panic in the hotel according to this informant. This resident also found exit by the staircase impossible.

At this time, he saw Mr. Witcheil and his children. Practically all the rooms were dense with smoke, and the flames were spreading rapidly.

The only possible way of escape was by climbing over the verandah of the King Edward Hotel, walking along the outside narrow ledge and thus getting into the Savoy Hotel. Clinging to the side of the Hotel, almost like a fly, the resident risked death at every step by a fall into the street. With remarkable coolness, however he

made his way along and succeeded in reaching the Savoy Hotel, where he climbed over on to the verandah and so to safety.

When seen by a *Telegraph* reporter he was dressed only in a suit and overcoat, and in reply to a question, said that all his personal property had presumably been burned in the fire. Joking after a nerve-racking experience, he said that climbing along the outer ledge of a building was difficult enough without having a suitcase to carry!

Hotel Boy's Experience.

Shouts for help from the King Edward Hotel were heard early on. One of the hotel "boys," named To Chat, finding himself trapped by the flames went on to the verandah, and, looking over, found a jumping sheet being held out in Lee House street. He stood on the balustrade of the third floor verandah and jumped into the sheet. He is understood to be suffering from burns and leg injuries.

Another Chinese "boy" was seen climbing down from the third floor. He also clung to the masonry, finding a precarious foothold and by a commendable display of nerve managed to get down to the second floor verandah, where he was taken off by firemen on one of the escapes.

Another thrilling escape was made by Mr. Ng Ting-ying, a Canton Government engineer, who arrived in Hongkong two days ago to inspect the work on the new Canton gunboat recently built at Mongkok. He occupied room No. 405 on the fourth floor of the King Edward Hotel and told a *Telegraph* representative that he was awakened by shouts for help.

Brigade Rescue.

He dashed out of his room only to be met by flames. Finding that the exit to the lower floors was stopped by dense clouds of smoke, he ran out on to the verandah of his room, shouting for assistance. He was heard in the street below, but the jumping sheets were being used at the back part of the hotel where people were jumping from the top floors. Realising that only means of escape offered itself, Mr. Ng climbed from the verandah of the fourth floor to the ornamental stone work above the main entrance to the hotel. This consists of a ledge about a foot wide and offering only a precarious footing. Standing there in imminent peril, he was seen from the street and firemen were able to get the escape up to the place where Mr. Ng stood and so bring him down to safety.

Mr. Ng told a reporter that he considered his escape or rescue was a miraculous one. He said there was no way down from the ornamental stone work, and at that time there was no jumping sheet below. As he was surrounded by dense clouds of smoke he considered that he could not have stayed on the ledge much longer, but must soon have been overcome and fallen headlong into the street. (Continued on Page 11.)

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MR. DAVID HARVEY PASSES AWAY.

It is with feelings of genuine regret that we record the death, which took place at his residence at Armad Buildings, Kowloon, early yesterday morning, of Mr. David Harvey, a very well-known and popular resident of the Peninsula. He had enjoyed the best of health since he first came to the Colony, until about two years ago. Since then his health had been indifferent and for the past three weeks he had been confined to his home. He passed away suddenly and peacefully in his sleep yesterday morning, the news coming as a great shock to a wide circle of friends, who held him in the highest respect and esteem.

The late Mr. Harvey, who was 54 years of age, was a native of Dundee, Forfarshire, and served his apprenticeship with the firm of Messrs. Gourley of Dundee. He first arrived in the Colony on August 20, 1895, nearly thirty-four years ago, coming out as an engineer on a new vessel constructed at Dundee for the Straits Steamship Company. Subsequently, he joined Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company, Ltd., signing on the same day as the late Capt. Wheeler, the Marine Superintendent, who, it will be recalled, died at Port Said whilst on his way home in 1924.

Later, Mr. Harvey took a position on one of the ships of the Scottish Oriental Steamship Company. Leaving the sea, he was employed on shore work with Messrs. Fenwick and Company, an engineering firm with an establishment at Wanchai, and after that with Messrs. A. G. Gordon and Company. He stayed with the latter firm about eight months, and then went to the United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd., with which firm he has been for the long period of twenty-six years. A hard worker, he enjoyed to the full the confidence of the Company, of which he was harbour engineer and then Superintendent harbour engineer.

Popular Club Man.

The late Mr. Harvey was for very many years prominently identified with the sporting activities of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club and of the Kowloon Cricket Club. A popular Club man, his cheery presence was infectious. He took a very great interest in the Bowling Green for which, during his long membership, he did much useful service both as a player and as an official. An original member of the Club, he served in a number of capacities and for one year (1911) occupied the responsible position of President, a post he filled with credit both to himself and the Club. He has served on the General Committee since 1907, and was a prominent figure on the Greens and House Sub-Committees. The beautifully laid out grounds around the Club House are a tribute to his work in this connexion. He was also a very old and valued member of the Kowloon Cricket Club, where some years ago, he served on the General Committee and also as Vice-President. The Kowloon C. C. conferred on him the honour of electing him a life member.

A Keen Lawn Bowler.

Like most Dundee men, the late Mr. Harvey was particularly keen on the game of lawn bowls. He has been a regular player for the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, and last season took part in the majority of the first division games. He was a member of the "Big Four," who first introduced the series of Interport games in Shanghai. His colleagues then were Mr. W. Russell, Mr. C. Bond and the late Mr. W. G. Gerard. All of generous proportions, their appearance in Shanghai occasioned the remark that Hongkong had been invited to send up a team of lawn bowlers and not a tug-of-war side. Since then, it has been the practice of the Shanghai team to play the "Big Four" on their visits to the Colony. Two of them, are now unfortunately gone, and Interport bowls will be poorer for their passing. Mr. Russell and Mr. Bond will keenly regret the death of their old colleague, and lawn bowlers both here and in Shanghai will extend to Mrs. Harvey, and her son, David, their great sympathy in the loss of one who always played the game and upheld the finest traditions of the sport. At one time Mr. Harvey held the position of Chairman of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association.

Other Activities.

Lawn bowls, however, was not his only sport. In his day, he was an enthusiastic golfer and took a prominent part in the formation of the Golf Club at King's Park, where he spent many pleasant and enjoyable days. It was a great personal regret to him to see the old course go.

He was also a valued member of the Kowloon Football Club and in his younger days was an enthusiastic Volunteer and a very good rifle shot. He held the rank of Sergeant in the Hongkong Volunteer Reserve.

Mr. Harvey was one of the earliest members and a Past Master of the East Scotia Lodge, 923, of Freemasons.

St. Andrew's Society loses a very keen member and strong supporter. The Society's annual ball at the City Hall was never complete without the cheery presence of Dave Harvey, who contributed much to the great success of this annual function as Convenor of the Wines and Supper Committee and in other ways. Last year, he was elected a member of the General Committee.

Silver Wedding Celebration.

It is interesting to recall, that on September 10, 1925, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey celebrated their silver wedding. Few foreign residents can claim, as they did, to have been both married and to have had their silver wedding in the Colony. They were married at Union Church, Kennedy Road, by the Rev. George A. Williams. Mrs. Harvey being a daughter of Mr. Walter Mason, of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company.

The late Mr. Harvey and his wife last went on leave in 1920, sailing on April 16, on the Empress of Australia on one of the last regular trips of this liner to Canada and catching the Montclare to Liverpool on the other side getting home just at a time when the general strike was ending. They returned to the Colony on the Blue Funnel s.s. Aeneas towards the end of the same year.

The sympathy of their many friends will go out to Mrs. Harvey and her son, Mr. David Harvey, junr., who is employed with Messrs. John Manners and Co. In the heavy bereavement they have been called upon to bear, and also to the late Mr. Harvey's aged parents in Scotland. The flags at the Kowloon Bowling Green and the Kowloon C. C. were flown at half-mast yesterday as a token of respect.

The funeral taken place at Happy Valley this afternoon, passing the Monument at 5 o'clock.

AIRCRAFT BRAKE.

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LEAGUE SUGGESTION, TO LESSEN WAR RISKS.

London, Mar. 9. The League Council yesterday adopted the report of the financial committee, the main item in which was a detailed scheme for providing financial assistance to states which are the victims of aggression.

The draft of the scheme is based on the idea of guaranteeing to states the possibility of securing effective financial help in case of

war or threat of war. The effect of this would be to cause any would-be aggressor to hesitate in the knowledge that its intended victim might receive financial assistance of the League members.

This scheme was warmly supported by Sir Austen Chamberlain and M. Briand, the former recalling that the British Government had been the first to accept the principle of financial assistance when the Finnish Government put forward such a proposal.

The plan is submitted to the governments and will come up before the next assembly meeting.—British Wireless.

Geneva, Mar. 10. The League Council closed its session with a unanimous request that the committee of jurists, who are meeting on Monday to revise the statutes of the world, should consider the present situation in regard to the adherence of the United States to the World Court at the June session of the Council to be held in Madrid.—Reuter.

London, Mar. 9. The League council has authorised the Committee of Jurists to discuss with Mr. Elihu Root next week the means of associating the United States with the Permanent International Court.—British Wireless.

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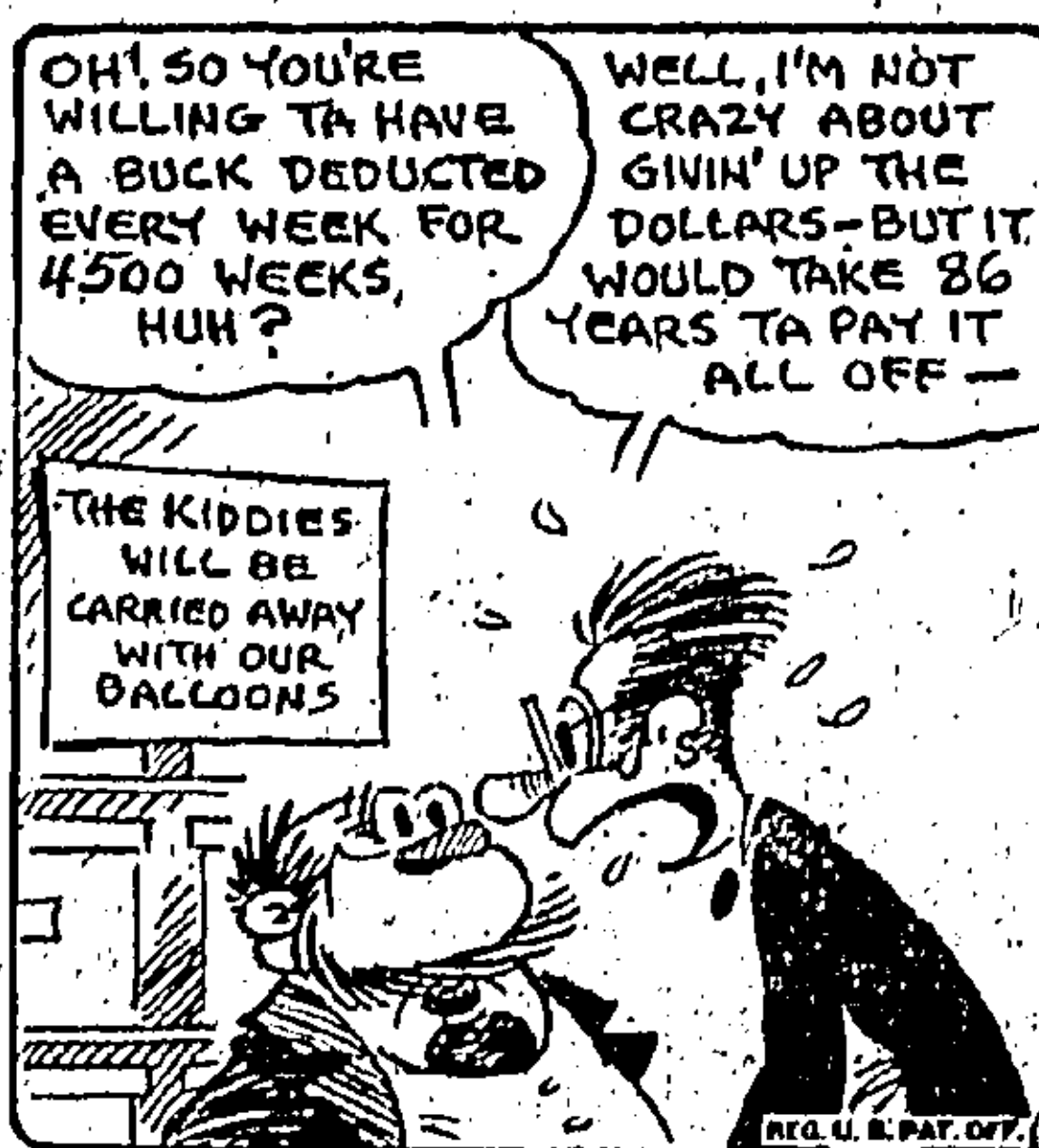
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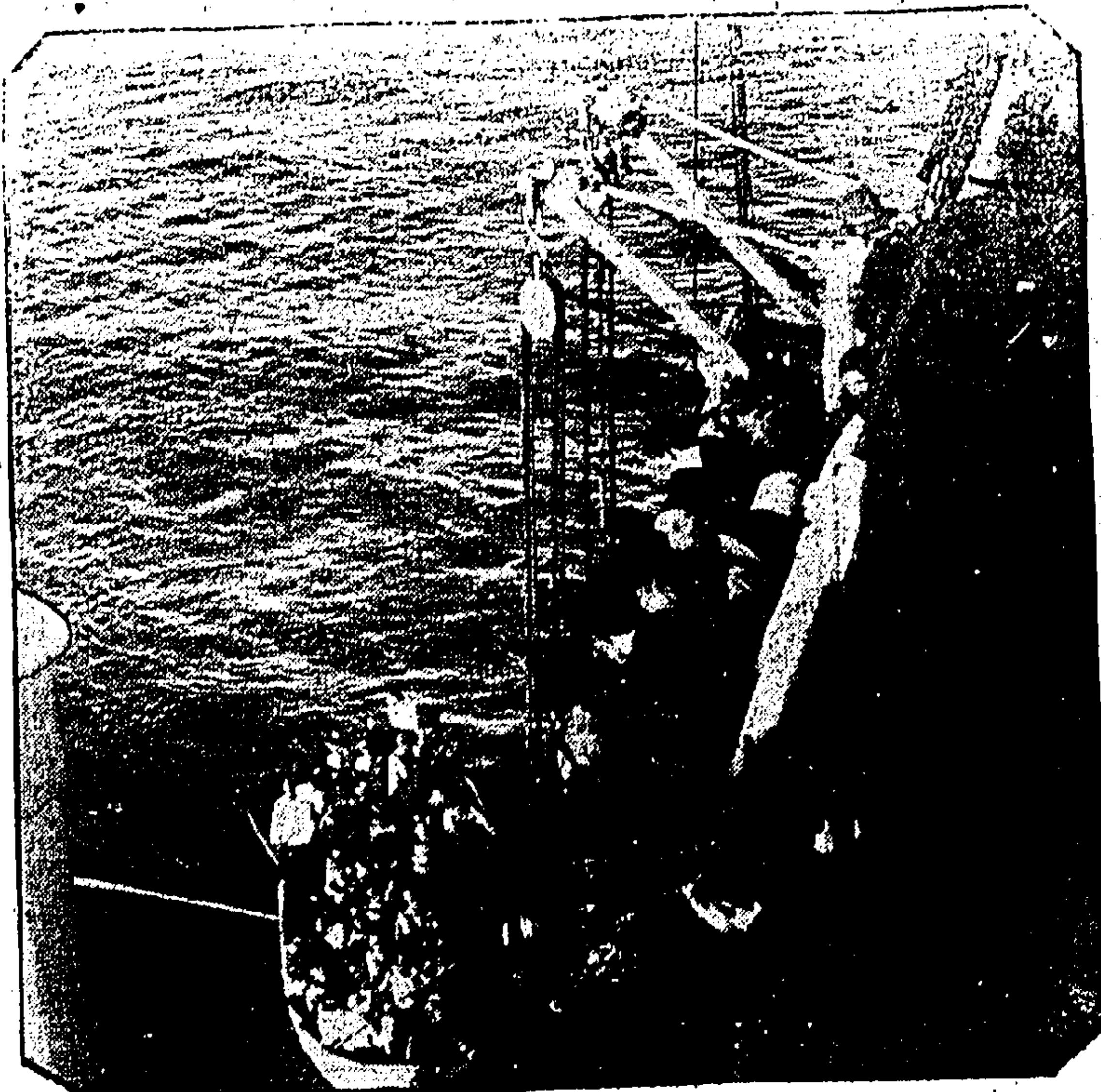




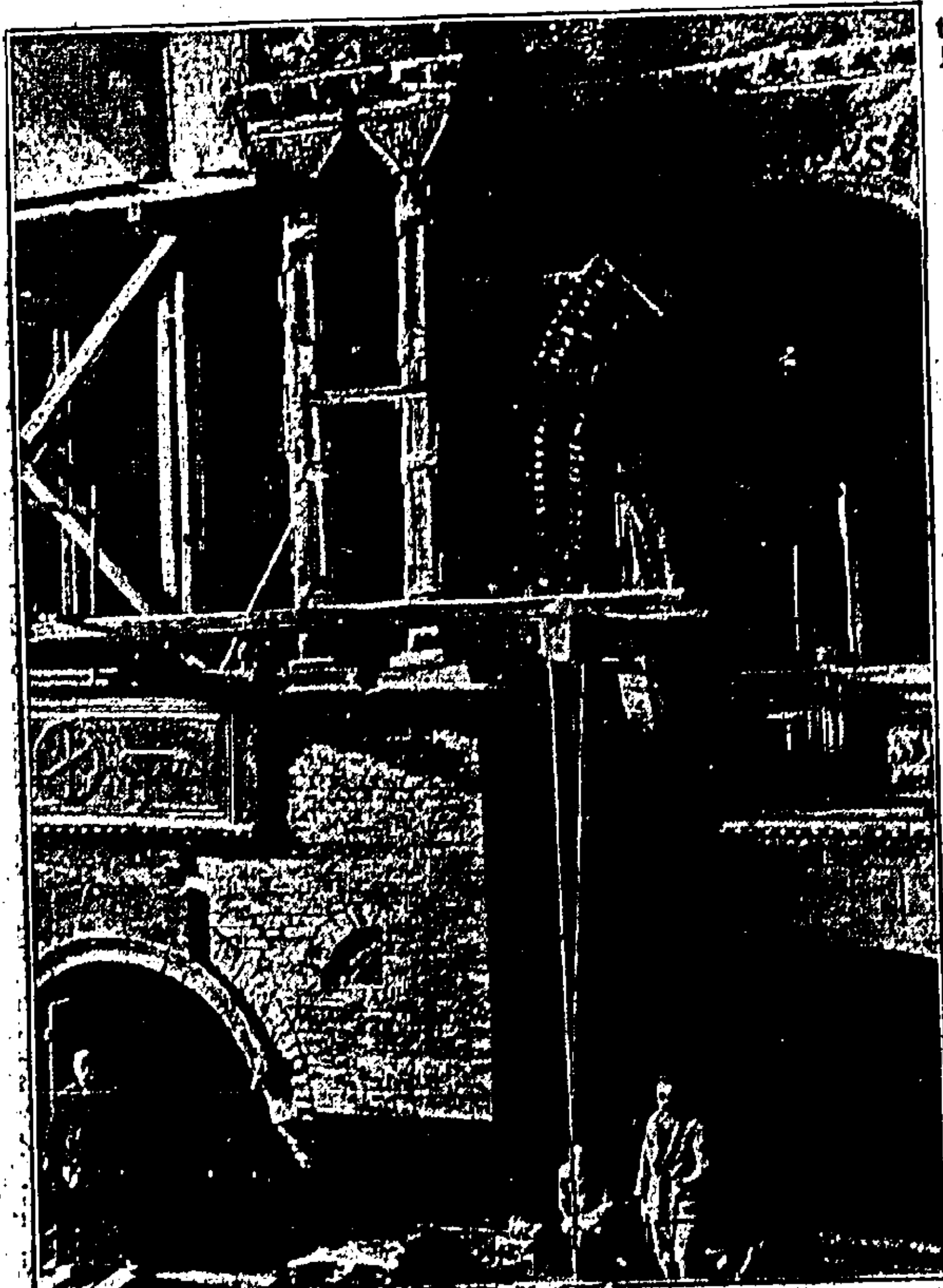
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The Crown Prince Olaf of Norway and his fiancée, Princess Marika of Sweden, whose engagement was announced recently, photographed together in Stockholm. (Times copyright).



This striking photo of an ocean rescue shows a lifeboat crowded with passengers from the S. S. President Garfield drawing alongside the rescue steamer Pan-American. The President Garfield, with 90 passengers and a crew of 154, went aground on Matanilla Reef, 25 miles off the northern tip of the Bahama Islands.



A piece of restoration work that has been nearly completed at St. Mark's, Venice. The two columns shown in splints here were tending to slope outwards, the cause being a split in the supporting pillar, which has been filled with new and solid material. (Times copyright).



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Mr. Tom Carey, of Lower Edmondton, has been awarded the King's medal, in recognition of his 27 years in the Post Office.

New Advertisements

NOTICE.

Mr. E. F. Ronald Sample, A.R.I.B.A., Senior Partner in the Firm of Denison Sam and Gibbs, Architects, Civil Engineers and Surveyors, has qualified for election as a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects and was duly raised to Fellowship on the 4th February, 1929, by the Council of the Royal Institute.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fortieth Ordinary General Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on Friday, 22nd March, 1929, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1928, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 11th March, 1929, to 22nd March, 1929, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1929.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Sixtieth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the undersigned on Tuesday, the 26th March, 1929, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1928.

The share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 12th to the 25th March, 1929, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Managers.

The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1929.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-fifth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 14th March, 1929, at 11.30 o'clock, a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1928, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer books of the Company will be closed from Friday, the 8th March, 1929, until Thursday, 14th March, 1929, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1929.

THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY (1918), LIMITED.

LOST.

Application has been made to this Company to issue to Mr. Bernardino de Senna Fernandes, of Macao, a duplicate Certificate for Forty Shares in this Company numbered 491406/491445, or other Certificate in lieu thereof, upon statement that the original Certificate No. 8252, dated 18th September, 1928, has, together with a signed blank transfer, been lost or mislaid; and notice is hereby given that, if within thirty days from the date hereof no claim or representation in respect of such original Certificate is made to the Company, this Company will then proceed to deal with such application.

For THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO., (1918), LTD.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1929.

Notice.

The office of Hotel Savoy is now removed to Hotel Metropole.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions from MRS. C. MONTAGUE EDE

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Catalogues will be issued.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

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commencing at 5.15 p.m.

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On View from Monday, the 11th March, 1929.

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HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

The First Yearly Drawing of 20 Debentures (1928 issue—\$500 each) of the Hongkong Club, Payable on MONDAY, the 30th September, 1929, will be held in the Club House at 11 o'clock, a.m., on THURSDAY, the 21st March, 1929.

Bearers of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing.

By Order, T. A. ROBERTSON, Lieut. Col., Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1929.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the 40TH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the above COMPANY will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Wednesday the 13th day of March, 1929, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and a Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1928.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY the 4th day of March, 1929 to WEDNESDAY the 13th day of March, 1929, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1929.

"TEA FOR THREE."

AMUSING FARCE COMING TO QUEENS.

A yachting trip and a job combined—this was the joyous combination of affairs for Robert Z. Leonard's company when they filmed "Tea For Three," the production coming to the Queen's Theatre tomorrow and Wednesday, at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios recently.

The company, headed by Low Cody and Alicea Pringle, passed a week on the yacht of a Pasadena millionaire, borrowed for the sea scenes, which depict a gay yachting party. The vessel cruised about in the Pacific off Catalina Island, and many were the joys of the summer outing, besides the work of making a picture at the same time.

The new picture is a farcical romance adapted from Rio Cooper Meguire's famous stage play, and Cody and Miss Pringle are co-starring in it as their second appearance as a team, their first being in "Adam and Evil." Owen Moore, Dorothy Spharlian, Phillips Smalley and many others of note are in the cast.

There is no question of a change in the legal position of Hellgoland, says the Prussian Home Secretary.

LETTER GOLF

Instead of using a cup for our shots, as they do in regular golf, we have a SOUP BOWL to-day to serve the same purpose. Par is five.

S	O	U	P
B	O	W	L

1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to Hen, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW HEN.

2—You can change only one letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page.

Annual Crown rent payable on this property is \$12.00.

LOT NO. 3.—The property known as No. 360 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL and No. 47 LOWER LASCAR ROW are excellent class three storied Chinese shops and dwellings.

No. 360 Queen's Road Central has an attic storey on the roof and No. 47 Lower Lascar Row a basement. The property is situated on the piece or parcel of ground registered in the Land Office as Subsection 1 of Section AE of Island Lot No. 211 having an area of 1273 square feet or thereabouts.

The Annual Crown rent payable on this property is \$21.81.

LOT NO. 4.—The property known as No. 1 CASTLE ROAD is a semi-detached two storied European residence situated in the central district of the city on the middle levels in a favourite residential locality on the piece or parcel of ground registered in the Land Office as Section B of Island Lot No. 503 having an area of 4193 square feet or thereabouts.

The property is ripe for re-development purposes. The Annual Crown rent payable on this property is \$5.63.

Further information and Copies of the Particulars and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from: MESSRS. HASTINGS DENNIS & BOWLEY, Vendors' Solicitors, 8, Des Voeux Road Central, or

MESSRS. LAMMERT BROS., The Auctioneers.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

RADIO NOTICES.

The Radio Office is now situated on the ground floor of the P. & O. Building on Des Voeux Road, next to the General Post Office. This office is open day and night.

All particulars as to ships in communication, rates, etc., may be obtained at the Radio Office as above.

Radio Telegrams may be sent to Europe, America, Philippine Islands, Dutch East Indies and many other destinations; also to Canton and many places in South China. Full particulars at the Radio Office.

Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegraphic addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this.

Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

REGISTERED and PARCELS MAILS are closed 15 minutes earlier than time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

It is hereby notified that on and after 1st January, 1929:—

(a) the radio rate on messages to Macao will be 10 cents per word, and

(b) the charges on messages to all Ship Stations, irrespective of Nationality, will be on the basis of a word rate, pure and simple, with no minimum charge.

Radio telegrams are now accepted for transmission to Swatow at \$0.30 per word. The receiving station will collect the charge due to its Service.

Direct wireless communication has now been established between Hongkong and the Kiangsi Stations at Wuchow, Nanning and Luichow—the charge is \$0.20 per word. Messages will also be accepted for Kwai-Yang and Changsha by above routes—the charge being \$0.30 per word. No charge will be collected from the addressees for the delivery service.

Wedding cake for transmission by post to places outside the Colony must be securely packed in tin boxes.

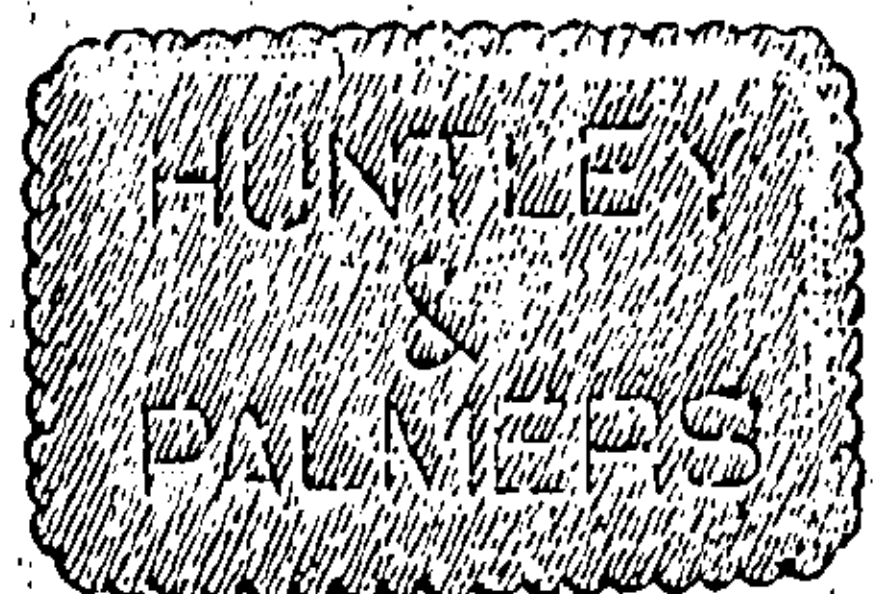
INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Straits	Nagaporo	March 11.
Shanghai and Amoy	Yunnan	March 11.
Japan and Shanghai	Taiyo Maru	March 11.
Amoy	Tjikarang	March 11.
Straits	Fooksang	March 11.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. McKinley	March 11.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Andre Lebon	March 12.
London 15th and 16th Feb.	Porthos	March 12.
Shanghai	Khiva	March 15.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Jefferson	March 15.
Europe via Suez (Letters and papers) London, 14th Feb., and	Naldara	March 15.
Parcels, 7th Feb.	Emp. of Asia	March 17.
Manila	Kitano Maru	March 18.
Straits	Patroclus	March 19.
Shanghai	Aki Maru	March 21.
Australia and Manila		

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Samshui and Wuchow	Talling	Mon., Mar. 11, 4.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Sunkong	Mon., Mar. 11, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and Europe via San Francisco and Europe via Siberia	President Taft	Tues., Mar. 12, 11th, 5 p.m.
	Parcels	Registration 11th, 5 p.m.
	Letters	Mar. 12, 8.30 a.m.
		(Due San Francisco 3rd April.)
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, L. Marques, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles	Andre Lebon	Tues., March 12, K.P.O.
	Registration	10 a.m.
	Letters	1 p.m.
		G.P.O.
	Registration	12.45 p.m.
	Letters	1.45 p.m.
		(Due Marseilles 12th April.)
Fort Bayard	Tokalon	Tues., Mar. 12, 10.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard	Talpoosek	Tues., Mar. 12, 1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hanching	Tues., Mar. 12, 1 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Porthos	Tues., Mar. 12, 1.30 p.m.
Saigon	Lycomoon	Tues., Mar. 12, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. McKinley	Tues., Mar. 12, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hopang	Tues., Mar. 12, 5 p.m.
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Limchow	Tues., Mar. 12, 5 p.m.
Java via Batavia	Tjikarang	Wed., Mar. 13, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Newchwang	Wed., Mar. 13, 3.30 p.m.
Holhow and Haiphong	Monado Maru	Thurs., Mar. 14, 5.30 a.m.
Amoy	Klungchow	Thurs., Mar. 14, 5 p.m.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island	Parcels Thurs., Mar. 14, 5 p.m.	
	Registration Mar. 16, 9.45 a.m.	
	Letters	Mar. 16, 10.30 a.m.
		(Due Thursday Island, 26th March.)
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Fri., Mar. 15, 2 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, L. Marques, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Khiva	Sat., Mar. 16, Kowloon P. O.
	Parcels	15th 4.30 p.m.
	Registration	10th 9 a.m.
	Letters	16th 10 a.m.
		G.P.O.
	Parcels	15th 5 p.m.
	Registration	10th 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	16th 10.30 a.m.
		(Due Marseilles 15th April.)
Straits and Calcutta	Hosang	Sat., Mar. 16, 10.30 a.m.
	Parcels	Noon.
	Letters	1 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Jefferson	Sat., Mar. 16, 4.30 p.m.
Japan	Fooksang	Sat., Mar. 16, 5 p.m.
Amoy	Antung	Sat., Mar. 16, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Dainy	Liang Chow	Sat., Mar. 16, 6 p.m.
Sandakan	Hhsang	Sun., Mar. 17, 8.30 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kaying	Sun., Mar. 17, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Canton Maru	Sun., Mar. 17, 9 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Kitano Maru	Tues., Mar. 19, 10.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, L. Marques, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Patroclus	Tues., Mar. 19, K.P.O.
	Registration	10th 8 p.m.
	Letters	19th 4.30 p.m.
		G.P.O.
	Registration	19th 4.15 p.m.
	Letters	19th 5 p.m.
		(Due Marseilles 17th April.)
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and Europe via Vancouver B.C. and Europe via Siberia	Emp. of Asia	Wed., Mar. 20, 5 p.m.
	Parcels	Registration Mar. 20, 9.15 a.m.
	Letters	Mar. 20, 10 a.m.
		(Due Vancouver B.C. 8th April.)

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WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Women and Sport.

A correspondent of a Home journal recently suggested that the modern girl in her enthusiasm for sport was travelling in the wrong direction altogether.

The accomplishments which really would be most valuable to her, he pointed out, were the homely ones, which would enable her to look after a husband and a house.

It never appeared to strike him that girls might have any other view in arranging their time and deciding upon their line of development than the acquiring of a husband.

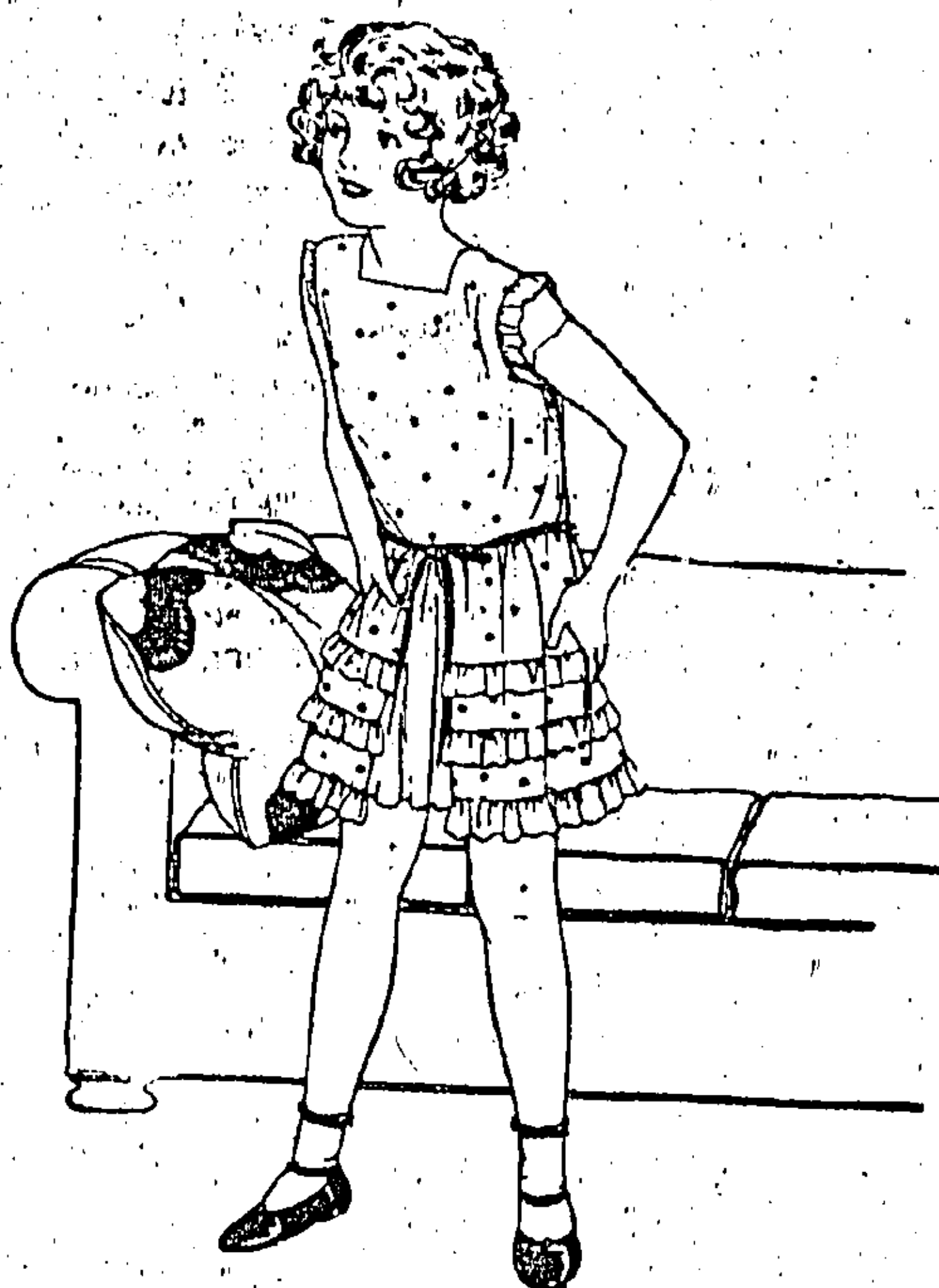
Probably this is because in the days when women led more sheltered lives, marriage did occupy a more important position than it does now, in the vaguely outlined map of her future, which every young woman carries in the back of her mind.

And it was only natural, perhaps, that in these days she should take some trouble to find out and to model herself upon the lines most pleasing to the type of man she thought she would like to marry.

But I rather think that these palm days for men have passed far over. The girl of to-day means to live her life according to her own plans, and she hopes to make the man of to-day accept her as she is. After all does man ever stop to consider, when arranging his activities, what woman would like to be?

However, man may find some consolation in the fact that, in the great majority of cases, the domestic arts are not really being crowded out in favour of sport.

The girl of to-day can wield a needle as well as a racket, and, when the times comes, she will be able to enter and care for a household all the better for having kept herself fit.



A pretty little frock for a pretty little girl to wear. Following grown-up fashions, it is made of sprigged material—delaine or muslin as the case may be. It has a plain bodice and a flared skirt, the latter opening over a gathered petticoat of plain material.

For the Bride.

NEW UP-TO-DATE LUGGAGE

Now, up-to-date luggage for her honeymoon is the ambition of every bride. If she is going abroad, of course a wardrobe trunk is her most practical choice; but if economy precludes the purchase of this useful article, there are less expensive cabin trunks fitted, instead of the usual shallow tray, with closed compartments for shoes, hats, and other accessories; while there are wardrobe suitcases arranged for the suspension of jumpers and skirts, and with pockets in the place of the drawers found in wardrobe trunks.

A bride hopes that a fitted dressing case may be included among her wedding presents. But if she is not lucky in this respect, a good leather "blouse case," which has pockets in the lining inside the lid and round the sides, serves its purpose very well. A new idea is to have one with washleather pockets for toilet articles.

Useful Hat-Boxes.

The bride will also most likely need one at least of the new round hat-boxes covered with American cloth, which are so smart. They are made in a variety of colours, and pillar-box red, particularly, is easily distinguishable in a heterogeneous pile of luggage. They come in useful, too, for odds and ends, besides hats.

Small suit and dispatch cases are similarly covered with American cloth, and some women who are accustomed to travel about a good deal are finding them handy

for the exclusive disposal of bathroom requisites, sponge-bag, soaps, bath salts, talcum powder, and the bottles of lotions of various sorts which are always a danger if put in with clothes.

Initials stamped or painted on trunks and cases, lend an air to luggage, and canvas slip-on cases for pigskin, calfskin, and crocodile bags are a protection and suggest value.

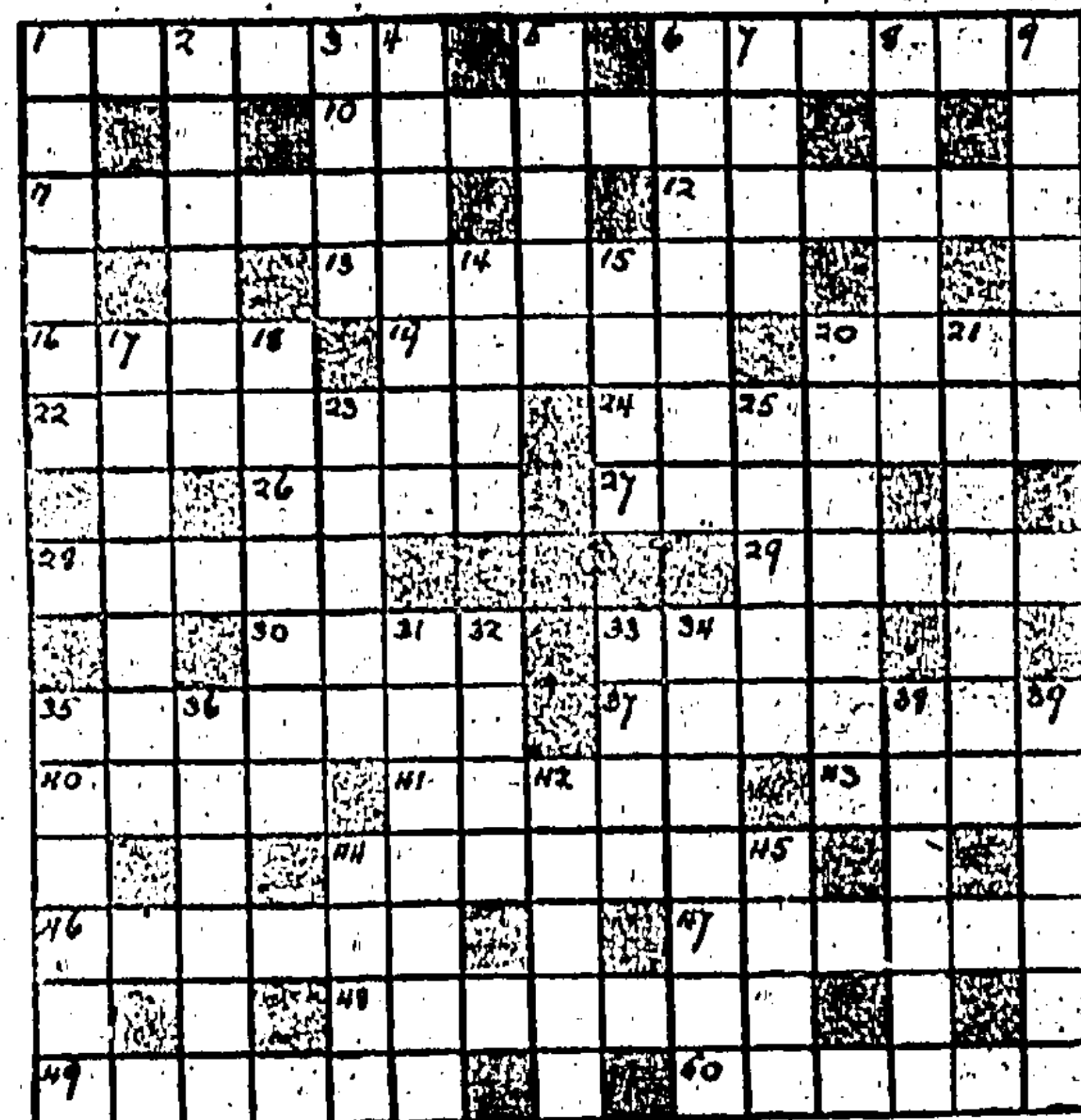
Daintiness is, of course, the keynote in packing arrangements. One of the delights of pre-wedding preparations is the packing of the bride-to-be's going-away trunk and suit cases: plenty of tissue paper—sheets and sheets of it, pretty pot-pourri bags laid between folds, padded silk or embroidered linen envelope cases for lingerie, as well as perfumed sachets to hold handkerchiefs, stockings, and pyjamas.

Slipper and Jewel Cases.

The folding bedroom slippers have their case, or the dainty mules their bag to match. A small travelling jewel-case with lock and key takes trinkets, clothes-brushes, folding dress and skirt hangers, and shoe-brushes are all obtainable in flat cases purposely for travel. If dressing table accessories are not part of the fittings in a dressing-case, it is worth while investing in one of the compact leather cases containing all that is necessary in the way of shingle brushes, comb, manicure instruments, &c., in a slightly reduced size convenient when space is restricted.

When choosing the perfume sachets, the scent, soap, powder, and bath salts, &c., she wants on her honeymoon, and afterwards, the bride should decide upon one distinctive fragrance and have all alike. Most good standard perfumes are obtainable in these different forms. This is a small item which reveals personality and fastidious taste.

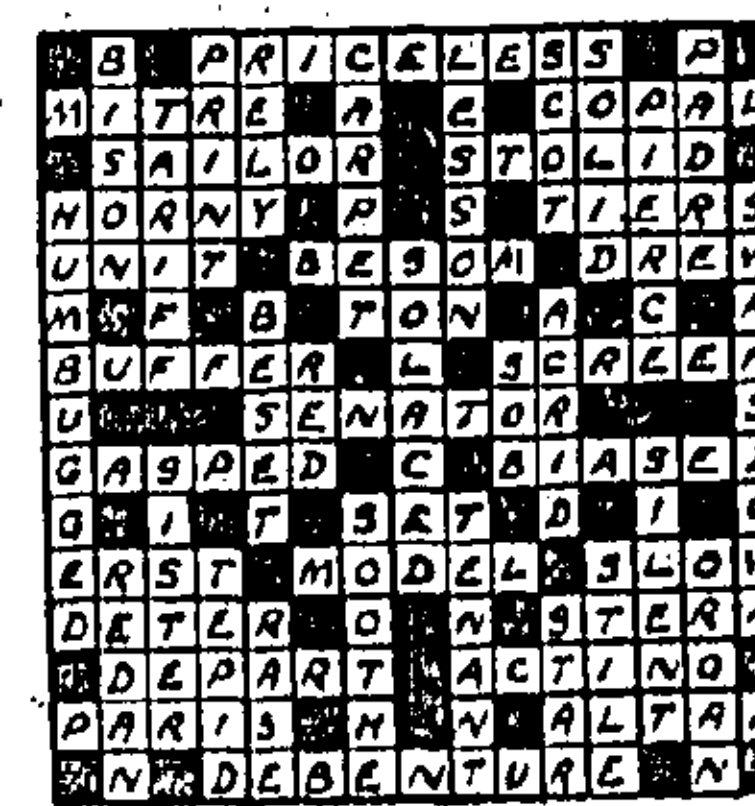
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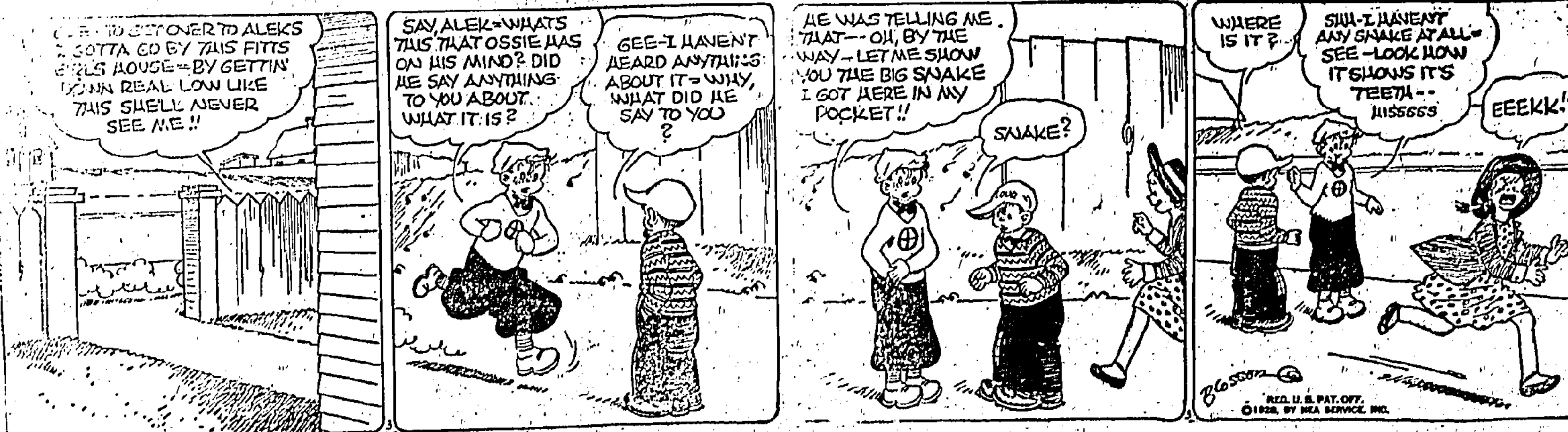
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FOREIGN POLICIES.

One of the most unfortunate developments in international politics of late has been the tendency on the part of certain publicists and newspapers, both in the United States and in Britain, to suggest a growing spirit of suspicion and distrust in Anglo-American relations. Public men who ought to know better, and sections of the Press catering for sensationalism, have professed to see a fundamental divergence of outlook in the policies of the two nations, with the result that a great deal of needless harm has been done. Happily, these views are not representative either of the people or the responsible statesmen of either country, but continuous harping on the subject is fraught with danger, and, if persisted in, must have regrettable consequences. So far from Britain and the United States being at enmity, their ideals are so essentially similar that there need be no real fears for the future, although we admit the desirability of some definite step being taken to demonstrate and emphasise the friendship which we know to exist.

In view of the possibility, though by no means the certainty, of the next British Government being Labour in political complexion, it is interesting to take note of some observations made in an article concerning the Labour Party's foreign policy which Mr. Ramsay MacDonald recently contributed to a Conservative journal. In the forefront of that policy, the ex-Premier places the necessity for Anglo-American relations being put on a satisfactory footing, not by any unofficial talks, but officially and formally. There is, he says, neither satisfaction nor safety in pious ejaculations that "war between us is unthinkable," or in sage remarks like "let sleeping dogs lie." The industrial friction of otherwise friendly States, he adds, has produced war between nations; the sleeping dogs whilst they are lying may be growing in strength and ferocity. As to the best method of dealing with the situation, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald says:—"In view of the growing opportunities for friction and misunderstanding which will arise between ourselves and the States, a frank discussion of the points upon which mischief-makers on both sides can seize, should be undertaken without delay, so that difficulties when they

arise may be dealt with in an atmosphere of goodwill and an outlet made for the essentially friendly feeling which, as a matter of fact, is in both our hearts."

There is much sound common-sense in these submissions, which will find favour amongst all who want to see the maintenance and strengthening of the traditional friendship between the two great English-speaking nations.

The Labour leader has also some general observations to make on the main features which should mark Britain's foreign policy. The time is already overdue, he says, for liquidating war conditions and settling once and for all the Occupation, reparations and debts issues, and a new volume of European history must be begun, inspired by a new diplomacy. Mr. MacDonald is sufficiently a statesman to realise that a Foreign Secretary deals not only with the public opinion of his own country, but with that in relation to the opinion and mentality of other countries. At best, therefore, a world policy must be a compromise; but in the compromise there should be no mistaking the British ingredient. A straight, candid and open diplomacy, says the Labour leader, will gain for us a respect and an influence which nothing else will.

Local Air Services.

The creation of a new official post, the Director of Air Services, implies the promise that the Government intends seriously to concern itself with the provision of civil flying facilities in Hongkong in the near future, though it is equally obvious that too much must not be expected. The appointment has gone to the Hon. Commander G. F. Hole, the Harbour Master, who undertakes the responsibility in addition to his other duties. We hope the day will come eventually when the responsibility will be too onerous to be merged with the Harbour Department; in the meantime we must, we suppose, be satisfied with the knowledge that at least one Government servant is engaged in grappling with the problems that may be involved. Hongkong has been lagging behind the times to an extent that we can now begin to take lessons from Canton. In our art supplement a week ago, there was an interesting picture of the first Avro-Avian machine of ten intended for the Canton Aviation Bureau. Some of them have already been in the air in Canton, performing with eminent satisfaction, and we suppose that within a very short space of time they will be placed into regular service. The intentions of the Canton authorities have not been fully disclosed, but it may be taken for granted that they are to be commissioned for commercial purposes, an air mail service embracing Hongkong being one of the possibilities. It would be a poor sort of compliment to official methods locally if it should come about that the Chinese should operate a service to Hongkong with British machines, and yet, should the proposal be made, a refusal would be to adopt a dog-in-the-manger attitude. The alternative is that the Government should waste no further time in the matter, and should offer a subsidy to air company promoters on the lines laid down by the Air Ministry in their dealings with the Imperial Airways. Only in this way can the "Director of Air Services" become more than a mere title.

YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK.

DIVIDEND OF TEN PER CENT. DECLARED.

The local branch of the Yokohama Specie Bank is in receipt of a cablegram from its Head Office to the effect that at the 98th half-yearly ordinary general meeting of the shareholders held at the Head Office of the Bank at Yokohama on Saturday, a net profit of Yen 17,346,622.48 was reported, including Yen 2,231,011.35 carried over from last account. It was resolved to pay a dividend of 10% p.a. (absorbing Yen 5,000,000) for the half year ended the 31st December, 1928, to add to the Reserve Fund Yen 8,000,000 and to carry forward the sum of Yen 9,346,622.48 to the next account.

DAY BY DAY.

JUDGE NOT THY FRIEND UNTIL THOU STANDEST IN HIS PLACE.—Huck.

During the week-end, six further Chinese cases of small-pox were notified. Four were from Kowloon. There was also one Chinese case of typhoid.

The silk forwarded from Hongkong by the Empress of France on the 13th February arrived in New York (St. John's Park) on the 7th March, having been 22 days in transit.

The annual Bachelors' Ball arranged by members of the Cranleigh Cricket Club proved a very successful function. A large number of couples enjoyed dancing to the music of the "Foot-warmer's" Dance Orchestra. The spacious hall was gallily decorated for the occasion.

The Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G., and Mrs. Southern, arrived in Canton on Friday on a short informal visit, staying with Mr. J. F. Brennan, C.M.G., H.B.M. Consul-General, and Mrs. Brennan. Mr. and Mrs. Southern went to Fatshan on Friday to visit the Wesleyan Mission, and they were to attend a dance in the Canton Club Theatre on Saturday.

Every show at the Queen's Theatre yesterday saw the "house full" sign displayed. The chief picture attraction was "Skirt," featuring Syd Chaplin in a screamingly funny farce, based on "A Little Bit of Fluff." Sam Ku West and his Paradise Harmony Boys made their first appearance and were given a magnificent reception. Their performance is remarkably good, and they were yesterday recalled again and again.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended Saturday, March 2, issued by the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, contains the following cases, the figures in parentheses indicating deaths: Plague, Baghdad 6 (3), Bombay (1), Rangoon (2), Pnom Penh (1); Cholera, Calcutta (40), Madras (3), Negapatam (1), Rangoon (4), Pondicherry (1), Bangkok 12 (6), Pnom Penh 12 (35); Small-pox, Baghdad 6 (3), Bombay 12 (49), Calcutta 11 (7), Karachi 49 (12), Madras 68 (18), Moulmein 6, Rangoon 2 (2), Vizagapatam 17 (3), Singapore 1, Soloway Dell 26 (1), Samarinda 3 (1), Haiphong 14 (10), Pnom Penh 18 (11), Saigon 1, Shanghai (10), Canton 15 (2), Macao (12), Osaka 1 and Dairen 3 (1).

WOMAN GETS OFF LIGHTLY.

OPIUM POSSESSION CASE AT KOWLOON.

The prosecution being satisfied with a small fine, Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, fined a Chinese woman \$250, or six months' hard labour, for being in possession of 3.5 tael of prepared opium and 17 tael of raw opium, the total value of which is \$95. The usual fine is \$930.

The defendant was arrested at an unnumbered match at Cheung Sha Wan by Revenue Officer Grimmit on March 7. The woman stated that the drug belonged to her husband who escaped through the rear of the shed during the raid. She admitted, however, that at the time, she was responsible for the opium.

Mr. L. R. Andrews, assistant Crown Solicitor, appeared for the prosecution.

EXCHANGE CONTRACT CASE.

DEFENDANT QUESTIONED BY MR. JENKIN.

The exchange contract case continued in the Supreme Court this morning before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan). The plaintiff, the Banque Industrielle de Chine, are claiming \$11,554.78 from Tuen Kee-hong, alleging that he broke an exchange contract for the purchase of \$10,000 sterling. It is alleged by the defence that the Bank broke the contract by closing the doors for one morning.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. H. C. Macnamara, of Deacons, is for the plaintiff, and Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Mr. F. H. Loseby, of Russ and Co., is defending.

This morning the defendant was cross-examined by Mr. Jenkin. Defendant said that sometimes an extension of an exchange contract could be obtained. That was done by the manager and made known through the compradore. Sometimes, when there was no dispute about the rates, contracts were cancelled, which was arranged by the manager. The manager of a foreign bank was the sole person who in any way altered or affected the liabilities and obligations of a contract.

At the time he interviewed the assistant compradore, when the Bank had shut its doors, he did not know that the Bank had made a petition for that a Provisional Liquidator had been appointed. Defendant regarded the contract as terminated.

Defendant further said he would not be satisfied unless the contract was effected through the Banque Industrielle's branch in London, as otherwise inconvenience would be caused.

Answering Mr. Potter, defendant said it was the invariable practice for contracts to be effected through

THE MINERS' RELIEF FUND.

Collections in Cathedral Yesterday.

At all yesterday's services in St. John's Cathedral, collections were taken on behalf of the British Miners' Relief Fund. We hope soon to acknowledge the amount thus raised.

To-day a further sum of \$5 is to hand from a resident signing himself "Wash Out." This brings the total so far received by the Telegraph to \$4,787.40 and 10/-.

A British wireless message dated Saturday states that the Lord Mayor's Fund now totals \$739,000. The Government has increased its grant to \$860,000, of which \$80,000 is for the Scottish mining areas.

branch banks of the principal bank. An extension could be made during the currency of the contract, but not after it had expired. In the present case there was no question of extension. It was neither suggested by him (defendant) nor by the Bank. The only person he could see to get any banking information was the compradore or his assistant.

The case is continuing.

Attacked in a garden on the Chertsey-Addlestone road by a badger 3ft. long, a milkman killed it with an iron bar.

The Very Idea!

What at first seemed to be an optical illusion is now a fact; Franchman are becoming taller, says a Paris message. The boys who flock out of schools and lycées at noon or five o'clock are taller than their predecessors used to be, and the last entrance examination for the Naval School clearly showed that the average height had increased. Sports are given credit to a large extent for this change: not only do they develop the frame of the body, but also engender a love of fresh air and out-of-door enjoyments, hitherto somewhat neglected in France, which all tend to aid growth.

Officer:—Now tell me what is your idea of strategy.
Private:—It is when you don't let the enemy know that you're out of ammunition, but keep on firing.

A Ghost Story.—"The following experience happened to me in my childhood. I was living in a house at Abington, where the drawing-room opened into a long conservatory. At the end of this conservatory was a door leading into the garden. On one or two occasions, in broad daylight, I saw a short, stout, elderly woman, wearing a black bonnet and dressed in black, kneeling on the doormat; her face was pale, her half black and shiny, her eyes grey. She looked perfectly solid, but the air always seemed to feel very chilly and dead. This would be about 1894-1897.

"Later in life I mentioned this vision to an old friend, who said, 'Oh, that must be Mrs. Blundell; she often stayed in your house, but died the year before you were born.'

"She then showed me a photo, and I recognised the face, but the dress was different. The friend said, 'Yes, this was taken some years before Mrs. Blundell died, but at the time of her death she was always dressed as you described.'"

The judge was summing up, and the provincial jurymen were hanging on every word which came from his lips as he proceeded to deal with the prisoner's story in his most ironical but urbane manner.

"If you believe," said his lordship, "that the prisoner saw the door open, and actuated by kindly motives, entered to see that all was well; that he hung his boots round his neck so that he might not disturb the sleeping inmates; that his presence on the roof was due to his desire for a little fresh air, you will acquit him."

And the jury did.
[Suggested by the controversy on "Do Fish Think?"]

Apology, I feel is due, To fish, whom I confess I'd not suspected hitherto Of brains that they possess. Remorsefully I call to mind The many martyred fish That have provided when I've dined An intellectual dish.

Herrings astute, and clever cod Have met ignoble fate, While cute wee fish upon my rod Were sacrificed as bait. I'll, to placate the piscine shoal, When eating fish again, Respect the brain within the sole.

The soul within the brain.
A woman at Highgate was asked "Are you guilty or not guilty?" of assault: I am and I am not. My Percy Mitchell, the magistrate: You must say one way or the other. The Woman: I would rather say "No." Mr. Mitchell's decision was Yes.

Mr. J. A. R. Cairns, the Thames magistrate: I suppose a man must be more or less of a saint to take a "biff" and not retaliate. A Wilkesden Man: My wife threatened me with the small potato knife and you must own that that was murder.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Mar. 10.
Paris	124.22 1/2
New York	4.85 1/16
Brussels	34.49 1/2
Geneva	25.22
Amsterdam	12.12 1/2
Milan	92.60 1/4
Berlin	20.44 1/2
Stockholm	18.16
Copenhagen	18.20
Olo	18.19
Vienna	34.52
Prague	103 1/2
Helsingfors	192 1/2
Madrid	32.97 1/2
Lisbon	108 1/4
Athens	87 1/2
Bucharest	617 1/4
Rio	57 1/2
Buenos Aires	47 5/16
Bombay	17 1/2
Shanghai	111 1/4
Hongkong	110 1/2
Yokohama	110 1/2
Silver (spot)	26
Silver (forward)	25 5/16

—British Wireless.

51 COMMON ERRORS IN BRIDGE AND HOW TO CORRECT THEM by W.W. Wentworth

13. SURRENDERING CONTROL OF TRUMP SUIT

North (Dummy)—
♠ 9 4 3
♥ 10 8 5
♦ 9 5 2
♣ K Q J 9 8

West—
♠ A K
♥ A K
♦ A K
♣ A K

East—
♠ A K Q J
♥ A K Q J
♦ A K Q J
♣ A K Q J

South (Declarer)—
♠ A K Q J
♥ A K Q J
♦ A K Q J
♣ A K Q J

The Bidding:—South bids one heart. West bids one spade. North bids two clubs. East passes. South bids two hearts and all pass.

Deciding the Play:—West leads King of spades and then Ace of

spades. Declarer wins the second trick with 2 of hearts. He now seeks to establish his clubs before drawing trumps. East wins the third trick with Ace of clubs and leads a spade. What card should Declarer now play?

The Error:—Declarer trumps with Jack of hearts.

The Correct Method:—Declarer refuses to trump and discards a losing diamond. Opponents are then reasonably sure to lead another spade and Declarer discards another losing diamond. No matter what card opponents now lead, game is assured. If Declarer had trumped the fourth trick, he would have endangered game as he could not have exhausted opponents of trumps which must be divided at least four and three.

The Principle:—As a rule it is inadvisable to permit the strong hand to be forced.

REPARATION PLAN
BY EXPERTS.INTERNATIONAL BANK
PROJECT.FAVOUR SCHEME WHICH WILL
ELIMINATE POLITICS.

TENTATIVE OPINION.

London, Mar. 10. The Committee of Experts on Reparations have issued a Note which outlines a tentative scheme for the establishment of a Bank for international payment to deal with reparations, with a view to putting the matter on a peace-time business basis.

Emphasis is laid on the purely tentative nature of the plan which after further examination is subject to rejection in part or in whole.

The Experts, however, have been impressed with the belief that to achieve a final settlement, with which duty the committee is charged, it will be necessary to do away with a great part of the temporary war-time machinery that was created to collect reparations and to substitute permanent peace-time machinery.

Politics to Business.

New machinery may be needed in itself to handle the great new international movement of funds created by reparations and war debts. The substitution of financial for political machinery should, it is believed, transfer the liquidation of Germany's international obligations from the realm of political discussion to ordinary forms of business.

The primary function of such an institution would be to act as Trustee, receiving from Germany such annuities as may be arranged, and disbursing them among the creditor nations.

Not A Super-Bank.

The new bank would be, in no sense, a super-bank to exercise a dominating influence over the existing institutions.

The authors of suggestion believe that its operations would tend to strengthen the co-operation that already has been developed between the central banks, and which has been of such marked service in restoring the gold standard throughout the world and in other ways stabilising financial conditions.

It would supplement, rather than duplicate, existing institutions and it would assist rather than direct.

The Directorate.

It is claimed that the scheme would help both the debtor and the creditor countries, that it would be non-political, international and free from dominating financial relationship and would act as a clearing-house and assist in the stabilisation of exchanges.

On its directorate would be only men of experience and financial repute, with advisory committees to supplement their efforts, and its offices would probably be in one of the smaller countries. The discussions of the Committee next week are intended to clarify the project and to the enable the Committee to decide whether to proceed further with the plan or whether to postpone its consideration. —British Wireless.

GIFT OF £24,000 RADIUM.

FROM TWO SECRET
BENEFACTORS.

Two grammes of radium worth £24,000 are the latest anonymous gifts received by London Hospital.

"Both gifts were received almost together," said an official, "yet they came from two wealthy men, who, I believe, are unknown to each other. Both wish to be anonymous."

"Both donors have been generous helpers of the hospital in the past. One has given more than £70,000, and the other gave £50,000 three years ago for assisting research into the cause of disease."

Certain conditions are attached to the radium gift by this second donor.

In addition he has given £13,000 to be invested, the income to be devoted to the maintenance of a radium laboratory for producing radon and radon needles.

A "Freedom Radium Trust," managed by a committee of three, one of whom will be a nominee of the donor, will control the radon laboratory, which, in words of the provisions made, is to "institute systematic research into the action of radium on cases of cancer."

G.E.C. SHAREHOLDERS'
PROTEST.EXPLANATION BY SIR HUGO
HIRST.

London, Mar. 10. Sir Hugo Hirst, the chairman of the British General Electric Company, states that the protest of the American shareholders was being made under a complete misunderstanding.

The new issue was being made to the British public and not as apparently supposed, exclusive to the British shareholders of the G.E.C.

No discrimination was being practised as alleged. No preference, says Sir Hugo, is being given to any class of shareholders.

It may be mentioned that the recent announcement of the issue (which has not yet been made) be styled "British Ordinary Shares" not holdable by any foreigner, or any Corporation controlled by foreigners.—Reuter.

THE DUTCH ART
EXHIBITION.ATTRACTS HUGE CROWD
OF VISITORS.

London, Mar. 10. The exhibition of Dutch art, which in the last few weeks has attracted 220,000 visitors to Burlington House, London, closed yesterday.

Sixty per cent. of the exhibits came from English collections, while the Dutch authorities lent many unique and priceless works from Galleries in Rotterdam, The Hague and Amsterdam. These were escorted by a warship to the mouth of the Thames and in a few days the warship will return to ensure their safe arrival in Holland.

Many beautiful works were also lent by collectors in the United States and elsewhere.—British Wireless.

GENERAL ELECTION
PROBLEM.CAUSED BY THE KING'S
ILLNESS.

London, Mar. 11. It is understood that the Cabinet is consulting its legal advisers regarding the constitutional issue raised in connexion with the forthcoming Dissolution of Parliament in case His Majesty the King has insufficiently recovered to undertake the heavy duties connected with the Dissolution, and possible subsequent developments.

It is pointed out that the present Council of State is not empowered to dissolve Parliament.

It is believed that the Government is considering the contingency of promoting a Regency Bill.

Opinion is hardening that the General Election will be arranged to take place at the end of May.—Reuter.

EARTHQUAKE IN NEW
ZEALAND.RAILWAY LINES BADLY
DAMAGED.

Wellington, N.Z., Mar. 10. A severe earthquake has occurred affecting the whole of the Province of Canterbury. Minor shocks only were felt at Wellington and Christchurch.

The centre of the disturbance was at Arthur's Pass where the railway line has been damaged. Traffic however is likely to be resumed to-morrow.

Practically every chimney in the village of Arthur's Pass has been damaged, but fortunately no-one appears to have been injured.—Reuter.

THE KING ENJOYS
SUNSHINE.BENEFIT OF BEING AT
BOGNOR.

London, Mar. 10. After a good night, the King rose early to-day to enjoy another perfect spring-like day, with warm sunshine.

By being at Craigwell House, he avoided the thick mist which hung over London throughout the day.—British Wireless.

BISHOP AND THE
NEW BOOK.TRURO OPPOSED TO ITS
USE.

PROTESTS MADE.

London, Feb. 7.

Plans are being made in Cornwall for the organisation of an emphatic protest against the authorisation by the Bishop of Truro, Dr. Frere, of the use in the churches of his diocese of the Revised Prayer Book which has been twice rejected by Parliament.

The authorisation was given in a Lenten Pastoral addressed to the clergy. In it Dr. Frere specially authorised the use of "all the fresh material contained in the New Prayer Book," including the new Canon in the alternative service of Holy Communion. He added that he would deal with the question of allowing Reservation of the Sacrament, where it was desired, after consideration of individual cases.

Dr. Frere, who was Superior of the Community of the Resurrection, Miffield, from 1902 to 1913, is the first monkish prelate to hold office in the Church of England since the Reformation. He has for long been a leader of the more extreme Anglo-Catholic movement, and his action in putting into practice the policy tentatively advanced by the Bishops after their meeting in September has aroused determined opposition in the diocese.

Protest from Pulpit. The Evangelicalists of the diocese, who form a strong section of the laity, intend to bring their views to the notice of the Bishop in certain terms.

The reading of the Pastoral in the churches of the diocese, as directed by the Bishop, has already led to manifestations of opposition. In one parish the reading was accompanied by an immediate protest from the pulpit, and in another a protest was made at the conclusion of the service.

The point of view of Evangelical opinion is best illustrated by a protest made in St. Minver Parish Church by Mr. W. Foynter Adams, the County Secretary of the National Church League. He declared the action of the Bishop to be:

- (a) A direct incitement to lawlessness and disorder;
- (b) Calculated to bring Parliament into contempt;
- (c) Overriding the wishes of the great majority of Church people;
- (d) Encouraging the introduction into the worship of the Church of teaching contrary to that of Holy Scripture; and
- (e) Disloyal to the King.

Position of the Bishops. Meanwhile there is considerable speculation as to the view which will be taken of Dr. Frere's action by the Bishops, when they hold their meeting—adjourned indefinitely from January 15 on account of the illness of the Archbishop of Canterbury—to consider their tentative policy in the light of the votes of the Diocesan Synods. The independent action of a number of Bishops, which has culminated with the authorisation of the whole of the rejected Book, will it be believed, cause considerable embarrassment to the Episcopal Bench when they are faced with the need to formulate a corporate policy.

The adjourned meeting of the Bishop has been fixed for February 12 and 13 at Lambeth Palace, two days before the meeting of the Convocations. In view of the continued ill-health of Dr. Lang, it now seems doubtful whether it will ultimately be held. It was stated by the Archbishop's chaplain last night that no decision has yet been reached.

It is understood, however, that when the Upper Houses meet they will have an equally important issue again before them. This will be to decide whether a further answer shall be made to the Royal Letters of Business authorising the Convocations to proceed with the Revision of the Prayer Book, and the Prayer Book Measure dropped in the Church Assembly.

ELECTRICITY BILL.

JOINT AUTHORITY'S
PROPOSALS.

An important judgment was given recently by Mr. Justice Astbury in the motion made on behalf of the Attorney-General at the relation of the Richmond (Surrey) Electric Light and Power Company, the County of London Electric Supply Corporation, the Chiswick Electric Supply Corporation, and the Hendon Electric Supply Company, for an injunction to restrain the London and Home Counties Joint Electricity Authority from applying any of their (defendants') funds in the promotion of a Bill in Parliament.

The Bill seeks to transfer to the Joint Authority the powers of local authorities to acquire electricity undertakings in their districts, to extend those districts, and to confer further powers upon the joint authority.

The plaintiff authorities object to the Bill on the ground that it is ultra vires of the Electricity Act of 1919, and of the scheme creating the joint authority.

Mr. Justice Astbury said that the Authority had caused to be prepared, and were promulgating in Parliament, a Bill which sought to give the Authority several powers in excess, and in contradiction, as he held, of the provision of the scheme under which the Authority was created. The Authority had no electricity undertaking at present, and had no revenue except the contributions to their administrative expenses payable by county councils, the railway companies, and the authorised undertakers in the districts.

"No Such Right."

The Authority had contended that they had an implied right to take proceedings for the purpose of obtaining an Act, or a special order, and to spend their money in doing so, but in his Lordship's opinion the section of the Act on which they relied gave them no such right.

He had come to the conclusion that this Bill was one which the Authority had no power to pay for out of its funds; it had no right to levy upon its constituent members the costs of promoting such a Bill, which many of its members strongly opposed and for which, if the matter went through, they would have to pay, both with regard to its promotion and their opposition.

The Bill was outside the purposes of the Authority's scheme, and it could hardly be incidental to those purposes. The result was that his Lordship must grant the injunction as asked.

CINEMA REFUGE FOR
LOVERS."A PLACE FOR HOLDING
SOMEBODY'S HAND."

"People go to cinemas chiefly because they are large, warm comfortable places in which to hold somebody's hand," said Miss Lena Ashwell, addressing the Putney Brotherhood recently. "When I was young," went on the famous actress, "and when I was in love with somebody, the only place I could find was the Underground, and I used to go round and round in it with him."

"The cinema fills in that gap. Of course the cinema is more comfortable than the theatre. It has more money, and it is all a question of finance."

"Brains of a Rabbit." Earlier in her address, Miss Ashwell said people in this country were almost entirely cut off from music and the drama because there was no co-operation between the State and the theatre. With the exception of wireless, the cinema was the only form of amusement the majority of people could afford.

"I have seen some magnificent films," she remarked, "but the vast majority are merely commercial undertakings, on the level of the lowest common denominator in art. Yet the films have enormous power of suggestion for good and evil. That power is used with every kind of immense mechanical skill behind the brains of a rabbit."

"Love is depicted in a sensuous, vulgar way, which makes me want to stand up in cinemas and shout protests."

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1300 n.
Chartered Bank, £212 b.
Mercantile & B., £34 n.
P. and O. £94 n.
East As & £904 n.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., £695 n.
Union Ins., £388 n.
North China, Ins., £160 b.
Yangtze Ins., £50 n.
China Underwriters, £220 b.
China Firms, £290 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., £790 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$361 n.
H. K. Steamers, £27.50 n.
H. K. Tugs, £190 n.
Indo-China, (£20) £92 n.
Union Waterboats, £224 b.

Mining.

Bonguets, £2.70 b.
Kallans, 70/- n.
Langkats, £14 b.
S'hai Exploration, £13.300 sa.
Raub, £7.10 n.
Tronchs, 17/6 n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, £1261 n.
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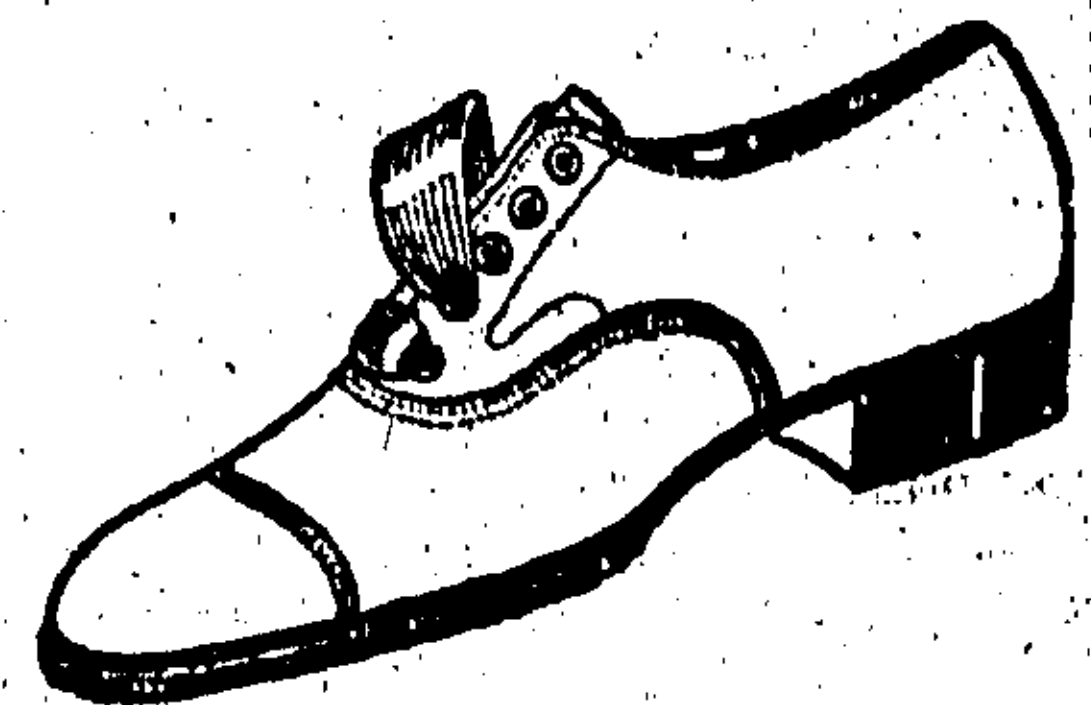
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SCENES OF UTTER DESTRUCTION.

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as much of the two buildings
as possible, negotiated a series of
rickety stairs and found himself
on the highest point of the build-
ing. Here it was seen that the
whole roof of the Savoy Hotel was
damaged by fire and that only
patches of it remained.

Residents' search.

Whilst on this floor, the *Telegraph*
reporter looked into the rear por-
tion of the building and here saw
a couple of residents, who had re-
turned to the hotel to search
amongst their belongings in the
hope of finding suitable clothing
with which to get into the street.
These gentlemen, in answer to
questions, said that the fire spread
very rapidly and most residents on
the Savoy on that particular floor
had to get away by means of the
hotel's fire escape. The room in
which this couple was searching for
their belongings was one which
overlooked Chater Road. The
roof was burned away but the
damage otherwise was not
quite as bad as in the rest of the
building.

Mr. Mancini, who was one of the
two gentlemen, pointed out that
his boxes, which were not destroyed
by fire, had for some reason
been piled open and all his prop-
erty, which escaped the ravages of
the fire, was damaged by water.
There was, however, some
silverware intact and Mr. Mancini
was still searching when our re-
presentative left.

The roof of the Savoy Hotel was
crumpling away piece by piece and
water was being poured in by fire-
men, as some of the timbers were
still smouldering.

The way from the Savoy to the
King Edward Hotel was by the
verandah, to get to which a series
of obstacles had to be negotiated.
Climbing over a partly broken and
burned down partition and push-
ing over some damaged bedsteads,
the verandah was reached. Here,
one could walk along to the cor-
ner of Savoy Hotel that overlooks
the junction of Ice House Street
and Chater Road and proceed
along the verandah until reaching
the wall which divides the King
Edward Hotel from the Savoy.
Firemen had dug a large hole
through this wall in the veran-
dah and through this hole our re-
presentative went, to find himself

on the top floor of the King Ed-
ward Hotel.

In the King Edward.

If the scenes of destruction and
damage at the Savoy Hotel were
awe-inspiring, those in the King
Edward Hotel were much more so.
From where he stood, our repre-
sentative looked down into a gap-
ing hole, where the floors have
burned through. On the sixth
floor, firemen were still pouring
water into the building by means
of numerous hoses.

Columns and columns of black
smoke were rising, and soot, mud,
and water dripped from every-
where. There was nothing to
show that this black mass of
debris was once a well-furnish-
ed hotel.

The roof had in greater part
fallen through and firemen stood
in most precarious positions to
play their hoses on such parts of
the building as were still smould-
ering. The verandah, although it
presented an appearance from the
street of being entirely intact,
was, in fact, burned through in
many places, and it was extremely
dangerous to walk along it.

Governor on Scene.

Among the large number of
people who were on the scene of
the fire this forenoon, were His
Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil
Clementi, K.C.M.G., accompanied
by his Private Secretary, Captain
Whyte. His Excellency arrived at
the scene at about noon and was
seen speaking with Mr. J. W. H. T. Cressy, the manager of the hotel.

The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern,
Colonial Secretary, and the Hon.
Mr. H. T. Cressy were also among
the visitors, arriving in the hotel
at about 10 a.m.

Passengers leaving on the Fush-
mi Maru for Home on Satur-
day included Mr. and Mrs. P. W.
Parlier, Mr. H. T. Buxton, Mrs.
E. M. Hazeland, Miss R. Hazeland,
Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Clark and Mr.
and Mrs. R. A. Westley.

Mr. Paul L. Edwards, of Cali-
fornia, made the first ascent of the
Jungfrau (13,670ft., Swiss Alps)
this year, at a temperature of -3
Fahrenheit.

Extensive business premises in
North Shields were entered during
Feb. 10, by burglars, whose
haul amounted to 6d.

THE WORLD OF SPORT



THREE PLAYERS ORDERED OFF.

UNFORTUNATE AFFAIR AT SOOKUMPOO.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

By "Wanderer."

Marching orders for three Sen-
ior League players was the rather
unpleasant feature of Saturday's
football. The results were all in
accord with expectations, though
a surprise might easily have been
created at Kowloon where the
Small Units scored two snap goals
in the first five minutes of the
game. The Mainlanders fought
back from this position to win by
the odd goal of five.

The Club de Recreio took a
rather weak team to oppose Chi-
nese Athletic and a rather "rag-
time" game was the result.

Ip Pak-wa, the flying outside-
left of South China, came to blows
with Oliver of the Royal Artillery,
and Mr. Cowan sent both off the
field. Evans, of the Royal Navy,
was ordered off by Mr. Smith for
an alleged deliberate foul of
Bishop.

The results were:—

Senior League.

China Ath.	4	Roceiro	2
Kowloon	3	Small Units	2
Navy	3	H.K.F.C.	1
R.A.	0	South China	1

Junior League.

K.O.S.B.	6	St. Joseph's	0
R.A.F.	3	Eastern	1
Kowloon	1	S. China "B"	4
S. China "A"	2	R. A. Res.	0
Navy Res.	2	Chinese Ath.	1
Small Units	1	Recreio	0

EVANS ORDERED OFF.

Sporting Game Spoilt Near
The End.

An exhibition of temper in the
closing stages of the match be-
tween the Royal Navy and the
Club spoilt an otherwise pleasant
game. Evans fell foul of Bishop
and retaliated in a manner which
brought upon him the severest
penalty, marching orders.

There had been no sign of bad
feeling previously. The Navy,
without displaying real brilliance,
had played sufficiently well to de-
serve the lead they had secured.
The match was won in the first
half when the Navy forced the
pace, and built up a lead of two
goals.

The Navy's superiority in the
first half was largely due to smart
work by Barkham and Firth on the
right wing. They led Bishop on
a merry dance, the extreme winger
making good use of the ball at all
times. The left wing was not so
prominent, though Kernick showed
a welcome return to form.

It was Kernick who made the
opening for Pencock's first goal,
and in the second half, he scored
the third Navy goal himself. Pen-
cock netted the second from a
centre by Barkham. The Club
goal came between the Navy's
second and third, Trambitsky
slipping through a slack defence
to beat Brockman easily.

The Club fell below their recent
standard. Bishop and Watson
managed tolerably well against
a very lively wing, and
Stewart also played a strong de-
fensive game, but the forwards
were a ragged lot, and by failing
to open up the game when the
chances came their way, threw
extra work on the defence.

Baker and McGregor, the Navy
backs, covered Brockman so well
that the goalkeeper had very
little to do. He was beaten when
Trambitsky's speed enabled the
Club inside-left to burst clean
through as the result of a strong
clearance by a defender.

ATHLETIC WIN AGAIN.

Recreio Sadly Depleted.

The Recreio are in a bad way
when they are forced to field a
side minus A. Gosano and the
Remedios, and it was not sur-
prising that with a team thus
depleted they went down heavily
to the Athletic. The score of
4-2 does not represent the
superiority of the Chinese, who
took the game in hand from the
beginning and were always on
top.

But for some fine work by
Xavier and Silva-Netto, who kick-
ed cleanly and strongly through-
out, the Athletic might easily
have put up a very tall score.
They got through a tremendous
amount of work with the greatest
credit, but the persistent attacks

of the Athletic were bound to bring
results.

Suen Kam-shun was the brains
of the attack. In one of his
brightest moods, he manoeuvred
skillfully, and plied his colleagues
with perfect passes. Twelve
minutes after the start, he scored
with a splendid drive from close
range, and before the interval, he
again defeated Boltrao, his shot
on this occasion being a pile-
driver from the 18 yards' line.

For just a brief period in the
second half it seemed that the
Recreio might pull the game round
by sheer enthusiasm, but after
Ward had raised hopes by scoring
a clever goal, they faded out of
the picture. Shek Pui-tim and
Wong Pak-chong scored further
goals for the Athletic, while in
the last few minutes Pereira
scored a second goal for the
Recreio.

The Athletic half-backs had
control of the game almost
throughout, Lam Yu-ying giving
a particularly bright display.
Lai Yuk-tat was the better of the
backs. The Recreio halves were
overrun, being quite unable to
hold the lively Chinese forward
line. Comes worked hard, but his
passes were not well timed. Ward
and Rocha were the best of the
forwards, who were spasmodically
dangerous.

KOWLOON FIGHT BACK.

Bent Small Units After Early
Shocks.

Kowloon did rather well to de-
feat the Small Units having regard
to the fact that they had to over-
come a two goals lead establish-
ed by their visitors within the
first five minutes of the game. A bad
goalkeeping error accounted for
the second, though both were
snap goals nicely taken.

The value of this lead to the
Small Units was seen throughout
the first half when Kowloon at-
tacked with much persistence,
but even if the steady defence of
Dodshon and Joyce was overcome,
shot wildly in their anxiety to
score. Miles, Morgan and Hedley
all missed easy opportunities in
their eagerness, and Kowloon's
efforts were not rewarded until
an unfair tackle of McKelvie led
to the award of a penalty.

McKelvie took the kick and
placed well out of Penny's
reach. The goal put fresh life into
the home team and they piled on
full sail in the second half, Penny
having a most anxious time in the
Small Units goal. Occasionally
the Units broke away being ex-
ceedingly dangerous, but the
brilliance of Pile at left-back was
usually their downfall.

Miles scored a pretty goal, a
low shot into the left hand
corner, for the equaliser, and some
fifteen minutes before the end,
Hedley scored the winning goal.
Hedley's first shot saved by Penny,
who failed to hold the ball, and
Hedley following up crashed the
ball past him.

There were some thrilling in-
cidents in the closing stages.
Kowloon might have scored two
further goals with ease, while the
Small Units had one excellent
opportunity of drawing level.

The Small Units started off
with a rush which boded no good
for Kowloon, but after they had
caught the defence napping on
two occasions, they slackened off
considerably. They were best
served by Dodshon and Joyce, the
backs, who upset the majority of
Kowloon's calculations by clever
interceptions and clean kicking.

The half-backs were not good,
though Skinner played well.
There was much individually
clever play by all the Units' for-
wards, but their great trouble was
that they were units, there being
very little serious attempt at
combination.

Kowloon's right wing, Eastman
and Hedley, was the really bright
feature of the game, Eastman
giving really capital exhibition on
the wing. Morgan was a most
entertaining leader falling to
take many superb passes by
McKelvie, who worked hard from
beginning to end. Miles showed
much improvement on his previous
week's display.

Bliss was the best of
the half-backs, and Downman also
did well, though he was not always
quick in getting the ball in con-
trol. Pile played as well as ever.

ONE GOAL ONLY.

South China Leave It Late.
South China still hang on to
the league leadership by the skin
of their teeth, as it were, but they
are certainly not exhibiting suf-
ficiently good form to justify con-
fidence that they will remain
there. The Royal Artillery have
no pretensions, but they held
South China to one goal without
very great difficulty, and it took

THE EXTRA RACE MEETING.

GOOD SPORT AT THE VALLEY ON SATURDAY.

Some excellent sport was wit-
nessed at Happy Valley on the
occasion of the first extra Race
meeting on Saturday. The re-
sults were:

Happy Valley Handicap: "A"
Class: Six Furlongs.—For China
ponies. 1st Prize: \$400. 2nd Prize:
\$150. 3rd Prize: \$100.
Eve's Boxing Eve

(Mr. Pote-Hunt) 1
L. Dunbar's Bakers Bay (Mr. A. F. Clark) 2
Hau Un's Monterey Bay (Mr. da Roza) 3

Time: 1 min. 28 secs.
4 lengths, 3 lengths.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$5.20; places,
1st \$5.60; 2nd \$8.90; 3rd \$9.90.

February Stakes: Five Furlongs.—
For China ponies, Subscription
Griffins of this Club of this Season,
non-winners, whether starters or
not. Weight for inches as per scale.
Jockey Allowance. 1st Prize: \$400.
2nd Prize: \$150. 3rd Prize: \$100.

Mrs. K. E. Bell's Cream Crocker (Mr. Heard) 1
Hynes & Mackie's Papaya (Mr. A. F. Clark) 2
Lau & Lee's Duke of Normandy (Mr. Wong) 3

Time: 1 min. 10 4/5 secs.
2 lengths, 2 1/2 lengths.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$3.20; places,
1st \$6.10; 2nd \$16.70; 3rd \$9.90.

Happy Valley Handicap: "B" Class:
Six Furlongs.—For China ponies. 1st
Prize: \$400. 2nd Prize: \$150. 3rd
Prize: \$100.

Wong Ping-shun's Thunderbolt (Mr. Harriman) 1
John Peel's Nookhall (Mr. Heard) 2
Cheng and Ng's Glory (Mr. Proulx) 3

Time: 1 min. 33 1/5 secs.
1 length, 1 1/4 lengths.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$4.00; places,
1st \$12.20; 2nd \$8.00; 3rd \$16.00.

First Extra Meeting Stakes: One
Mile.—For all China ponies. Weight
for inches as per scale. Winners of
a race this year value \$750 or over,
5 lb. penalty. Subscription Griffins
of this Club of this Season allow-
ed 5 lb. Jockey allowance. 1st
Prize: \$750. 2nd Prize: \$300. 3rd
Prize: \$150.

Ho Kom-long's Majestic Hall (Mr. Wong) 1
Fay & Seth's Christmas Chimes (Mr. Heard) 2
Eve's Misty Eve (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 3

Time: 2 mins. 03 2/5 secs.
3 lengths, 2 1/2 lengths.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$54.00;
places, 1st \$13.00; 2nd \$6.00.

Happy Valley Handicap: "C"
Class: Six Furlongs.—For China
ponies. 1st Prize: \$400. 2nd Prize:
\$150. 3rd Prize: \$100.

S. To Wong's Dark Eyes (Mr. da Roza) 1
Dyer & Bell's Tangle (Mr. Heard) 2
Topside's Mountain Air (Mr. Harriman) 3

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South China almost 55 minutes to
get their solitary point.

A dashing forward line gave the
R.A. defenders a warm time in the
first half, but Fletcher was never
seriously tested though he brought
off many clearances. It would be
difficult to find fault with the
South China approach work, but
in front of goal they were weakly
weak, the majority of their
shots being very badly directed.

The Royal Artillery made
ground by long kicking, Fuller
making full use of the wing men.
Their runs seemed dangerous, but
Gill and Jobe, both missed easy
chances. South China went all
out for the winning goal in the
second half and it came after ap-
proximately 20 minutes play. Fung
King-cheong scoring the only
first-class shot of the match, after
Fletcher had saved from Wong
Mee-shun.

After the downfall of the R.A.
goal a good deal of unnecessary
heavy tackling was indulged in,
the soldiers, I am afraid, being
largely responsible. Eventually,
two players got out of hand, spar-
ring up to one another, Mr. Cowan
sending both off the field. They
were Ip Pak-wa and Oliver, and
with their disappearance the game
degenerated into a scramble.

Ip Pak-wa was the best South
China forward and he had had a
series of interesting tussles with
Oliver, a very strong back, before
temper grew a trifle frayed. The
inside men of both teams were
weak in their finishing, and
usually played into the hands of
the opposition by hesitation.

Both teams were well served in
the half back line, the more
accurate forward passing of the
South China middle line.

With The Juniors.

The Navy defeated Chinese
Athletic Reserves by two goals to
one in the Junior Division of the
League and thus practically assur-
ed themselves of the championship.
They cannot, however, afford to
make a slip as the Borderers
Reserves (who again won 6-0) are
hanging close to their heels.

FRIENDLY MATCH.

Before a big crowd of spectators
at King's Park on Saturday after-
noon, a friendly match was played
between Kowloon College and Wah
Yan Branch College. The Kow-
loon team won by 2 goals to 1.

Time: 1 min. 34 2/5 secs.
1 1/4 lengths, 2 1/2 lengths.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$48.80;
places, 1st \$25.80; 2nd \$8.70; 3rd
\$19.00.

Aberdeen Plate: One Mile.—For
China ponies, Griffins of this Season,
non-winners, whether starters or
not. Weight for inches as per
scale. Jockey Allowance. 1st Prize:
\$400. 2nd Prize: \$150. 3rd Prize:
\$100.

Ho Kom-long's Imperial Hall (Mr. Wong) 1
W. T. Stanton's Buster (Mr. Reidy) 2
L. Dunbar's Frenchman's Bay (Mr. da Roza) 3

Time: 2 mins. 03 2/5 secs.
1 1/4 lengths.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$10.40;
places, 1st \$6.00; 2nd \$5.30 (French-
man's Bay); 3rd \$7.00 (Buster).

Stanley Stakes: One Mile.—For
China ponies, Subscription Griffins
of this Club of this Season. Weight
for inches as per scale. Winners of
one race 5 lb. extra, of two races
7 lb. extra, of three or more races
10 lb. extra. Jockey Allowance.
1st Prize: \$400. 2nd Prize: \$150.
3rd Prize: \$100.

W. E. L. Shenton's The Phœnix (Mr. A. F. Clark) 1
M. M. Watson's Monk (Mr. Reidy) 2
Dyer & Bell's Loch Elvie (Mr. Heard) 3

Time: 2 mins. 10 secs.
2 lengths, 4 lengths.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$34.00; places,
1st \$5.20; 2nd \$5.40; 3rd \$5.60.

Wanchai Handicap: "B" Class:
One and a Quarter Miles.—For China
ponies. 1st Prize: \$450. 2nd Prize:
\$200. 3rd Prize: \$100.

Liang & Lo's O-Moon (Mr. Wong) 1
Wayfoong's The Jamaica (Mr. A. F. Clark) 2
Dynasty's King's Falloch (Mr. Heard) 3

Time: 2 mins. 38 2/5 secs.
1 length, 4 lengths.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$40.80;
places, 1st \$19.40; 2nd \$8.10; 3rd
\$7.60.

Wanchai Handicap: "A" Class:
One and a Quarter Miles.—For China
ponies. 1st Prize: \$450. 2nd Prize:
\$200. 3rd Prize: \$100.

Eve's Grand Tattoo Eve 155 lbs. (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 1
Eve's New Year's Eve 156 lbs. (Mr. Reidy) 2
Ho Kom-long's Town Hall 158 lbs. (Mr. Wong) 3

Time: 2 mins. 38 3/5 secs.
A head, 1 1/4 lengths.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$13.50;
places, 1st \$7.00; 2nd \$7.00; 3rd
\$8.20.

CASH SWEEPS.

Satisfactory Returns for
Speculators.

The following are the results of
the sweeps at Saturday's races:

Race 1.
No. 140 \$1,114.40
" 238 318.40
" 378 159.20
Unplaced runners (\$50 each),
tickets Nos.: 60, 210, 210, 341.

Race 2.
No. 296 \$1,414.00
" 294 404.00
" 311 202.00
Unplaced runners (\$50 each),
tickets Nos.: 278, 488, 607, 120, 31,
179, 613, 206, 225, 436, 335, 574.

Race 3.
No. 116 \$1,814.40
" 723 518.40
" 697 259.20
Unplaced runners (\$50 each),
tickets Nos.: 609, 674, 703, 523, 162,
710, 309, 542, 184, 350, 161, 80, 228,
666.

Race 4.
No. 658 \$4,088.00
" 739 1,168.00
" 473 584.00
Unplaced runners (\$50 each),
tickets Nos.: 259, 235.

Race 5.
No. 371 \$2,510.00
" 563 600.00
" 80 350.00
Unplaced runners (\$50 each),
tickets Nos.: 514, 745, 144, 882, 38,
527, 933, 797, 956, 872.

Race 6.
No. 300 \$2,492.00
2nd " 869 534.00
" 543 634.00
Unplaced runners (\$50 each),
tickets Nos.: 12, 432.

Race 7.
No. 779 \$2,369.30
" 549 682.80
" 537 341.40
Unplaced runners (\$50 each),
tickets Nos.: 529, 287, 198.

Race 8.
No. 386 \$2,255.40
" 40 644.40
" 293 322.20
Unplaced runners (\$50 each),
tickets Nos.: 552, 291, 288, 742, 400,
661, 650, 429, 572.

Race 9.
No. 685 \$2,481.80
" 478 634.80
" 608 347.40
Unplaced runners (\$50 each),
tickets Nos.: 240, 116, 852, 667, 140.

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LEAGUE CRICKET.

CIVIL SERVICE LOSE TO ROYAL ARTILLERY.

The Royal Artillery created a surprise in the first division of the local Cricket League on Saturday, when they visited Happy Valley and defeated the Civil Service Cricket Club by five runs in a low scoring match, which had a very exciting ending. Two players in the match, one on each side, obtained excellent bowling averages. Musson (R.A.) taking eight wickets for 24 runs and Baker (Civil Service) 7 for 12.

In the Second Division, the University unexpectedly went down to the R.A.O.C. at Pokfulam, the military team winning by two wickets in a match which produced over 300 runs.

Several interesting friendly games were played, the chief attraction being on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground, where a match between two teams captained by A. W. Hayward and H. R. B. Hancock was drawn. Over 400 runs were scored by the two teams.

DIVISION I.

Bowlers Have Upper Hand in Happy Valley Match.

Only 105 runs were made by the twenty-two batsmen in the match on the Civil Service ground between the home team and the Royal Artillery, the latter winning by the narrow margin of five runs. Batting first, the Artillery made 55 runs, Baker taking seven wickets for 12, while Kelly obtained one for one. After an exciting finish, the Civil Service were dismissed for 50 runs, Musson taking eight wickets for 24 runs.

Royal Artillery.

Capt. J. L. P. MacNair, lb.w.	0
Ling	7
Gnr. Maltus, lb.w. Baker	24
B. S. M. Leach, lb.w. Baker	1
Lt. A. H. Musson, lb.w. Baker	10
Lt. R. P. Wright, lb.w. Kelly	2
Lt. Col. W. F. Christian, lb.w. Baker	4
Lt. C. G. Christian, lb.w. Baker	0
Lt. J. A. Wolfe Barry, lb.w. Baker	0
Lt. A. R. Miller, lb.w. Baker	0
Baker	0
Lt. E. H. Water, not out	0
Sgt. Glasbrook, lb.w. Baker	0
Extras	7
Total	55

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Reed	5	2	9
Ling	5	1	10
Hamilton	3	1	10
Baker	8	1	12
Kelly	3	2	1

Civil Service C.C.

B. D. Evans, lb.w. Musson	8
J. Barr, lb.w. Musson	6
G. H. Wallington, lb.w. Musson	0
B. Baker, lb.w. Musson	9
E. W. Hamilton, lb.w. Musson	5
F. H. Hollman, lb.w. Christian	1
E. B. Reed, lb.w. Musson	0
B. C. K. Hawkins, lb.w. Christian	0
D. R. Kelly, lb.w. Christian	1
Musson	1
W. H. Edmunds, not out	1
F. J. Ling, lb.w. Kelly	4
Musson	4
Extras	8
Total	50

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
W. F. Christian	9	4	18
Musson	9	3	24

DIVISION II.

University Lose to R.A.O.C. by Two Wickets.

In contrast to the first division match, the game between the University and the R.A.O.C. on the Pokfulam ground produced over 300 runs, the military team winning by two wickets. The hosts compiled 153 runs, Baker being top scorer with 38. The Ordnance Corps passed this total with two wickets to spare, the innings eventually yielding 185 runs (Wisher 44).

Scores:

S. R. Kernani, c Wood, lb.w. Morgan	22
H. T. Barman, c Corbett, lb.w. Morgan	2
A. Baker, lb.w. Anderson	88
A. B. Sulleman, lb.w. Anderson	18
M. B. Osman, lb.w. Anderson	28
F. Hiploola, lb.w. Anderson	28
A. A. Aziz, lb.w. Anderson	10
K. P. Garth, lb.w. Anderson	2
C. Chan Fook, c Rowe, lb.w. Brooks	2
K. T. Leke, not out	0
G. E. Yeoh, c Brooks, lb.w. Morgan	6
Extras	24
Total	153

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Corbett	4	1	25
Morgan	12	2	31
Anderson	12	3	30
Wisher	3	1	17
Howe	3	1	18
Brooks	4	2	10

R.A.O.C.

Pte. Garth, lb.w. Hiploola	1
O. M. S. Wisher, lb.w. Kernani	64
A. Aziz	4
Lt. Col. Morgan, lb.w. Chan Fook	4
Sgt. Sharpe, run out	4
Sgt. Anderson, lb.w. Baker	28
Sulleman	28
Cpl. Rowe, lb.w. Sulleman	0
Pte. Brooks, lb.w. Aziz	0
Pte. Corbett, c Barman, lb.w. Hiploola	19
S/Sgt. Greenaway, lb.w. Kernani	84
Baker	13
Pte. Rial, c Sulleman, lb.w. Baker	13
Lt. Col. Wood, not out	1
Extras	13
Total	185

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Baker	12	3	44
Hiploola	9	1	38
Chan Fook	7	1	35
Sulleman	6	1	20
Osman	2	1	16
Aziz	4	1	12

LEAGUE TABLES.

Division I.

P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Hongkong C.C.	7	5	2	17
University	7	4	1	13
Kowloon C.C.	8	3	3	12
Royal Navy	8	3	1	10
Royal Artillery	6	3	1	9
Indian R.C.	6	2	2	8
Chinese R.C.	7	1	3	6
Craigengower C.C.	7	1	3	6
Civil Service C.C.	8	1	3	6

Division II.

P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Hongkong C.C.	11	10	1	30
Indian R.C.	12	9	1	28
R.E. and S.	12	9	1	27
Kowloon C.C.	11	5	4	10
Recreia	12	6	1	10
Craigengower	11	4	2	14
University	10	4	2	14
Civil Service C.C.	10	4	2	14
Police R.C.	11	3	8	9
Electric R.C.	10	3	7	7
Royal Navy	9	2	1	7
R.A.O.C.	8	1	7	3

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

High Scoring on Hongkong Cricket Club Ground.

With honours in favour of A. W. Hayward's eleven, the match on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground was left drawn, with H. R. B. Hancock's team 59 runs in arrears with one wicket in hand at the close. Hayward's side battled first and made 251 for six wickets declared. The skipper contributed 81 while Owen Hughes scored 97 not out. Hancock's team replied with 192 for nine wickets (Lieut. Maxwell 50 and Stanton 32).

Recreia v. Craigengower.

On the Recreia ground at King's Park, the home team entertained the Craigengower senior eleven and won by six wickets. The visitors were all dismissed for 90 runs (Alves, 6 for 34), the Portuguese replying with 121 (Remedios 41, Oliver 4 for 22).

Electric Co. v. D. B. S.

The Hongkong Electric Company engaged a team from the Diocesan Boys' School and lost by five wickets. R. Leo (6 for 43 and Winch 3 for 3) were responsible for the dismissal of the hosts for the small score of 81 runs. The latter followed up his bowling performance by knocking out 64 runs not out, the innings realising 176 runs. J. Lee scored 51.

Police v. Civil Service.

These two teams met on the Police ground, where the visitors won by 18 runs. The Police scored 68 (Freeman 5 for 17 and Westlake 4 for 20), while the Civil Service replied with 86 (Lacey 5 for 28 and Dyer 4 for 21).

R. E. and S. v. Craigengower.

On the R.E. and S. ground at Sookumpoo, the home team played Craigengower, the match ending in a draw. The hosts compiled 131 runs for the loss of six wickets declared (Col. Skinner 52). The visitors replied with 131 for seven wickets, A. R. Minu scoring 62 not out.

YESTERDAY'S MATCH.

Volunteers Easily Beat Combined League Team.

C. D. Wales and J. L. Bonnar brought about the collapse of the Combined League team which met the Hongkong Volunteers on the Kowloon Cricket Club ground yesterday. The Volunteers won by 81 runs. Wales took six wickets for 31 runs and Bonnar four for 20.

Scores:

A. W. Hayward, lb.w. Kelly	80
O. Moor, lb.w. Brace	50
E. C. Fincher, lb.w. Baker	50
P. I. Zimmerman, lb.w. Baker	50
H. Owen Hughes, lb.w. Weir	9
E. J. R. Mitchell, lb.w. Weir	13
Anderson	13
W. Hunt, lb.w. Hanson	6
J. L. Bonnar, c and b Anderson	0
G. E. R. Dillett, lb.w. Baker	10
A. Reid, not out	14
C. D. Wales, lb.w. Baker	0
Extras	25
Total	170

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Baker	13	2	47
Brace	11	3	23
Anderson	8	1	21
Kelly	4	1	17
Weir	8	2	23
Hanson	3	1	4

Combined League.

Lieut. Abelson, c Owen Hughes, lb.w. Bonnar	28
W. Brace, lb.w. Wales	1
D. J. N. Anderson, lb.w. Wales	0
Bonnar	0
Mid. Parkhurst, lb.w. Wales	0
Capt. Weir, c and b Wales	0
K. H. Barker, lb.w. Wales	2
J. R. Hilton, lb.w. Bonnar	11
H. P. Lim, lb.w. Zimmerman	6
Com. Baker, c Hunt, lb.w. Bonnar	4
A. B. Hanson, c Hayward, lb.w. Wales	8
D. R. Kelly, not out	3
Extras	4
Total	89

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Hunt	5	1	35
Wales	10	5	51
Bonnar	11	4	20

K.B.G.C. REPORT.

ACTIVITIES DURING THE PAST YEAR.

The following report and balance sheet of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club for the year ended December 31, 1928, will be submitted at the annual general meeting, to be held in the Club House on Friday, March 22 at 6.45 p.m.

The Working Account for the year shows a loss of \$237.25, against a profit in the preceding year of \$1,455.52. This loss can be directly traced to a few main causes. Owing to the closing of the greens in the spring, less refreshment was purchased, which has had the effect of reducing the bar profits. This item alone accounts for about 50 per cent. of the difference in the results of the past two years. Another outstanding cause has been the cost of re-turfing the far green and laying out a new tennis court. This accounts for an increase in the repairs and renewals account of \$588. The remainder of the difference is spread over various items, and is largely due to increased overhead charges.

Membership.

Forty-four new members joined during the year and our membership is now as follows.—Six life, 155 ordinary, 70 seagoing and four honorary, a total of 235 members.

Club House and Grounds.

During the year the bowling green next the tennis court was practically re-laid and the Committee had to close the near green for a period in order to give it a much-needed rest prior to the opening of the bowls season. The Committee regret that during that period temporary use had to be made of the upper tennis court for lawn bowls. Towards the end of the year the work of re-laying the bowling green was commenced. Your Committee trust that members playing on these new greens next season will exercise every reasonable care. Throughout the year under review the club house has been maintained in first class condition, only a few additions and alterations being found necessary.

Bowls.

As in former years there were numerous entries for the Club competitions and the games were keenly contested.

Two teams played in the Lawn Bowls League, the record of the first team being five wins, seven losses, shots for 644, against 718, and finished sixth place. The record of the second team was seven wins, eight losses and one tie, shots for 1,009, against 866, and finished fifth place. It is to be hoped with the increased practice of our younger members that during the coming season both teams will secure better positions in the League tables.

Tennis.

The Committee record with pleasure the increased interest taken in tennis and note the keenness shown in the six competitions held during the year.

The additional court mentioned in last year's report was put into use during the year and has greatly aided in relieving congestion.

Obituary.

Your General Committee regret to record the deaths of the following members during the year: Messrs. J. W. Faulkner, T. H. Gordon and J. W. Matthews (ordinary), D. G. Jones (seagoing), W. G. Gerrard (Hon.)

Prizes.

The thanks of the Club are due to donors of the numerous handsome trophies for the various competitions, also to those members who contributed to the prize fund. The prizes were distributed on the closing day, December 15, 1928.

Competitions.

The winners of competitions in 1928 are given below, names in parenthesis being the donors of the prizes:

Bowls.

Championship: (The Club) J. Gibson; 2nd Prize: (Canning Town) Messrs. Bond, Hatt, and Giff, S. Gray; 3rd Prize: (H. Nish, Esq.), J. McKelvie.

President's: (B. Wylie, Esq.), A. M. Holland; 2nd Prize: (D. Keith, Esq.), S. Gray; 3rd Prize: (The Club) C. Atkinson.

Vice President's: (D. F. Warren, Esq.), Wm. McFarlane; 3rd Prize: (W. J. Kerr, Esq.), A. M. Holland.

Handicap Singles: (J. Hyde, Esq.), J. C. Brown; 2nd Prize: (P. T. Farrell, Esq.), W. Bell; 3rd Prize: (L. Guy, Esq.), E. W. L. Hogbin.

Handicap Doubles: (Galloway, Esq.), Messrs. Russell, Nish, Bradford and Hunter; A. M. Holland and D. Muir; 2nd Prize: (Dundas Prize, Messrs. Harvey and Ferguson), J. Gibson and R. Lapsley.

Non Prize Winners: (Capt. B. Branch), E. W. L. Hogbin; 2nd Prize: (Seagoing Member), P. Younghusband.

Rink Competition: (A. K. McDougall Esq.), Messrs. Guy, Magill, Johnston and White.

Tennis.

Championship: (Capt. Williams), Wilson Brown; 2nd Prize: (Tennis Players, etc.), F. C. Goodman.

Men's H'Cap Singles: (B. Wylie, Esq.), Wilson Brown; 2nd Prize: (Tennis Players, etc.), T. Ferguson.

Ladies' H'Cap Singles: Mrs. McCaw; 2nd Prize: Mrs. Cuthill.

Men's H'Cap Doubles: Messrs. Stewart and Cleme; 2nd Prize, Messrs. Hale and White.

Ladies' H'Cap Doubles: Messdames Cuthill and Hoare; 2nd Prize.

LOCAL YACHTING.

SATURDAY'S RACE FOR TAI YAT CUP.

Boojum won the race for the Tai Yat Cup, which was sailed off at the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club on Saturday afternoon over a Course starting from (1) Channel Rocks (P), (2) mark on line (S), (3) Cust Rock Buoy (S), (4) Kowloon Rock (S), (5) Lyman Beacon (S), (6) mark on line (S), (7) Channel Rocks. Distance, 13.1 miles.

Finishing	Corrected
Time.	Time.
La Linda (4)	4.44.51
Colleen (5)	4.46.51
Rolla (7)	4.47.40
Daphne (9)	4.47.40
Alisa (8)	4.47.40
Pierrette (2)	4.48.18
Bluenose (6)	4.48.18
Boojum (1)	4.48.18
Speedwell (6)	4.41.23

Consolation Cup.

The Consolation Cup for I, Y, and G classes was raced over the following course:—1, Kowloon Rock (S); 2, Channel Rocks (S); 3, Mark on line (S); 4, Cust Rock Buoy (S); 5, Channel Rocks (S); distance, 8.3 miles.

Finishing	Corrected
Time.	Time.
Why Wonder (4)	4.29.03
Zephyr (1)	4.29.03
Lola (3)	4.33.49
Gael (2)	4.29.08

YESTERDAY'S EVENT.

Club Team's Victory Over Commodore's Side.

Excellent sport was had by yachtsmen yesterday, when teams met in Commodore's v Club competition, the latter winning by 58 points to 55. The races were held in two sessions, with an interchange of yachts, that in the morning commencing at 11.15, and the afternoon event at 2.35. The courses were:

Morning race.—Club Line West to East, Channel Rocks (P), Cust Rock Buoy (P), Mark on Line (S), Cust Rock Buoy (S), Club Line West to East, distance 6.28 miles.

Afternoon race.—Club Line West to East, Channel Rocks (P), Kowloon Rock (P), Channel Rocks (S), Cust Rock Buoy (S), Club Line West to East, distance 6 miles.

The first yacht obtained 13 points, the 2nd, 12, the 3rd, 11, and so on; and the racing resulted as follows:

Yacht.	Sailed by	Place	Pts.
Y1	G. G. Wood	1	11
Y3	A. L. Shields	3	8
Y6	E. W. Carpenter	3	8
Y9	H. S. Rouse	D.N.F.	
G6	R. Sutherland	9	2
Total			28

Club.

Y2	E. B. Lambert	5	6
Y4	G. H. Gandy	2	9
Y6	V. Goulborn	6	5
Y8	L. F. Nicholson	7	4
G2	C. E. L. Grist	8	3
Total			27

Afternoon Race.

Yacht.	Sailed by	Place	Pts.
Y2	A. L. Shields	4	7
Y4	G. G. Wood	3	8
Y6	E. W. Carpenter	8	3
Y8	R. Sutherland	9	2
G2	H. S. Rouse	6	5
Total			25

Morning.

Total Points	53
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Club.

Y1	L. F. Nicholson	2	9
Y3	G. H. Gandy	1	11
Y6	C. E. L. Grist	5	6
Y9	V. Goulborn	7	4
G6	E. B. Lambert	10	1
Total			58

Morning.

Total Points	58
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THE HOCKEY CLUB.

TEAMS FOR TODAY AND WEDNESDAY.

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club first team in their match with the H.K.B.A. on the Marina Ground at 5 p.m. on Wednesday—W. K. Tait; W. Woodward; J. Rodger; A. A. Dand (captain); E. J. R. Mitchell; J. E. Noronha; H. Owen Hughes; G. E. R. Dillett; A. N. O'Neil; G. R. Vallack and C. C. Francis.

The second team, to meet the Queen's Regiment at King's Park at 5 p.m. today will be—A. G. Howell; R. R. Todd; L. F. Nicholson (captain); A. J. Ashby; L. A. R. Duncan; Rev. N. Evans; A. H. Botelho; W. A. Nowers; H. E. Valentine; H. V. Parker and T. J. Price.

Messdames Hedley and Purnlow. In these three competitions prizes were presented by tennis players, etc.

Mixed Doubles (H'Cap): J. Fraser, Esq., Mr. W. Brown and Mrs. McCaw; 2nd Prize (Tennis Players, etc.),

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BASEBALL MATCH.

AMERICANS BEAT CHINESE IN FAST GAME.

In a fast game at Caroline Hill, before a huge crowd yesterday, a team chosen from the American Asiatic Fleet met and defeated a combined team of Honolulu and Hongkong Chinese by three runs to one.

The game was one of the best seen in Hongkong. There was not very much to choose between the two teams, the Americans being just a shade better. Both batteries were good, Yau Chung of the Chinese and Plascencia of the Americans providing some of the best pitching seen here for a long time. Backed up by good fielders, who, except for a few slight errors, were always dependable, they put in a lot of good work, hence the low scores.

The Americans were, however, superior in batting. Almost every man could hit, but the Chinese were lamentably weak. Except for Wong, Yau Chung and Ho Man, the others could do nothing with Plascencia.

The Americans were blanked out in the first innings, but managed to notch two points in the second, and a homer by Watson in the sixth put them further ahead. They were, however, blanked out in the other innings.

The Chinese were blanked out in every inning except the sixth, when Ho Man crossed the plate, Yau Chung bringing him home with a real first-timer.

Mr. Zafra, the well-known local baseball player, was the umpire.

The teams lined up as follows:

American Fleet.
Barnes
Watson
Frazier
Plascencia
Gardner
Messer
Mackey
Lung
Connelly
Score by innings:
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 Total
Americans 0 2 0 0 1 0 0 0 3
Chinese 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1

THRILLING RUGBY.

IRELAND AND WALES AT BELFAST.

London, Mar. 9.
At Belfast, in glorious weather, before 25,000 spectators, Ireland and Wales drew in the international rugby match at five points all.

The Irishmen were better in the opening play, but then Wales pressed and Roberts almost scored. Ireland was awarded a free kick, and Stephenson narrowly missed getting a goal.

The Irishmen were very dashing and kept play confined to the Welsh twenty-five. Their effort was finally rewarded from a scrum five yards out. Davy scored a try and Brown converted. The game continued to be splendidly contested until half-time, when Ireland led by five points to nil.

The Welshmen mostly held the upper hand after the interval. Morley attempted to drop a goal for Wales, and was only inches wide. The Irish backs at last got going, but Stephenson, when tackled, passed forward. After the second half had been in progress twenty minutes, Williams scored a try for Wales.

HOME FOOTBALL.

RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

The results of Saturday's Home football matches, as cabled by Reuter were:

Division I.
Aston Villa 2
Bury 2
Derby 0
Portsmouth 0
Cardiff 1
Leds 1
Leicester 2
Liverpool 2
Manchester U. 2
Huddersfield 0
Newcastle 1
Sheffield U. 1
West Ham 3
Blackburn 3

Division II.
Hull 0
Middlesbrough 0
Millwall 0
Notts. Forest 2
Oxford 2
Preston N.E. 2
Reading 2
Southampton 2
Tottenham 1
Wolves 1
Bristol R. 2
Crystal Pal. 1
Fulham 2
Gillingham 1
Newport 2
Plymouth 0
Queen's P.R. 1
Swindon 0
Torquay 0
Walsall 0
Watford 0

Division III (South).
Bournemouth 2
Northampton 1
Brighton 2
Southend 1
Gillingham 1
Newport 2
Plymouth 0
Queen's P.R. 1
Swindon 0
Torquay 0
Walsall 0
Watford 0

Division III (North).
Aberdeen 2
Dundee 2
Falkirk 2
Hamilton 0
Hartlepool 0
Lincoln 0
Rotherham 0
Stockport 1
Tranmere 1
Wigan 0

Scottish League.
Aberdeen 2
Dundee 2
Falkirk 2
Hamilton 0
Hartlepool 0
Lincoln 0
Rotherham 0
Stockport 1
Tranmere 1
Wigan 0

County Championship.
At Twickenham, in brilliant weather before 4,000 spectators, the final of the rugby county championship was played between Middlesex and Lancashire. The result was a draw of eight points each.—Reuter.

RADIO BROADCAST.

THE LOCAL PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Government Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 350 metres.

6.30-6.35 p.m. Demonstration Programme.

7.45 p.m. Evening Weather Report.

8 p.m. Evening Programme (Victrola).

H. M. V. Records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. S. Mouton & Co.

"The Gondoliers" (Sullivan) Selection, The Band Of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

"Invictus" (Rubin), John Brownlee.

"Pirates Of Ponzance" (Sullivan) Selection, The Band Of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

"The Mill Whistle" (Sullivan) Selection, The Band Of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

"The Sergeant's Song" (Hole) Bass, The Sergeant's Band.

"This Yeoman Of The Guard" (Sullivan) Selection, The Band Of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

"Ethiopia Saluting The Colours" (Wood) (Sullivan) Selection, The Band Of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

"Son Of Mine" (Wallace) (Sullivan) Selection, The Band Of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

"H.M.S. Pinafone" (Sullivan) Selection, The Band Of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

"There Is A Flower That Blooms" (Wallace) (Sullivan) Selection, The Band Of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

"I Passed By Your Window" (Brahms) (Sullivan) Selection, The Band Of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

"The Mikado" (Sullivan) Selection, The Band Of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

"Merry" (Richardson) (Sullivan) Selection, The Band Of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

"My Love Is Like A Red, Red Rose" (Traditional) Tenor, John Turner.

"The Twilight of the Gods" (Wagner) (Sullivan) Selection, The Band Of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

"Siegfried's Journey to the Rhine" (Wagner) (Sullivan) Selection, The Band Of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

Albert Coates & Symphony Orch. "To Pass The Time Away" (Melville Gideon).

"Once upon a Time" (Melville Gideon) (Sullivan) Selection, The Band Of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

"The Swan" (Melville Gideon) (Sullivan) Selection, The Band Of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

"Prelude In E Flat" Organ Solo, Marcel Dupre.

"The Gay Highway" (Drummond) (Sullivan) Selection, The Band Of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

"The Vagabond" (V. Williams) (Sullivan) Selection, The Band Of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

"Bass-Baritone, Peter Dawson. "Last Spring" (Grieg).

"Prelude And Miquel" (Bossi) (Sullivan) Selection, The Band Of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

"The Philadelphia Chamber, String Quartet, "Chelsea Faye" (Goss-Custard).

"Londonderry Air" Organ Solo, Reginald Goss-Custard.

"Love For Three Oranges" (Prokofiev) (Sullivan) Selection, The Band Of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

"Knecht Rupke" (Thomson) (Sullivan) Selection, The Band Of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

"Hear An I To Hee Simile" (Thomson) Soprano, Luceria Bor.

"Serenade for the Doll" (Debussy) (Sullivan) Selection, The Band Of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

"Capriccio" (Scriabin) (Sullivan) Selection, The Band Of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

"Piano Solo, Vladimir Horowitz. "The Dance Of The Blue Danube" (Fried Fisher).

"I Can't Do Without You" (Irving Berlin) (Sullivan) Selection, The Band Of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

"Count Of Luxembourg-Waller" (Lehar) (Sullivan) Selection, The Band Of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

"Merry Widow-Waltz" (Lehar) (Sullivan) Selection, The Band Of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

International Concert Orchestra. 10.30 p.m. Close Down.

VARSITY DANCE.

SUCCESSFUL FUNCTION BY MAY HALL STUDENTS.

One of the most successful social functions held by Hongkong University students took place on Saturday night, when several hundred students and friends attended the concert and dance given by the residents of May Hall in their spacious Hostel Hall.

The decorations were tastefully carried out with streamers and lanterns, giving a very inviting appearance to the interior.

Before dancing was indulged in, to excellent music supplied by the Dance Orchestra of H.M.S. Harms, students staged a concert, opening with the "Cavalier" overture in which the following students of the Hostel distinguished themselves as an orchestra:

Chan Fung-ke (piano), H. Clarence Leong, Fan Wei-han, and Wong Man-on (violin), Li Kwok-yun (trumpet), Ko Yan-cheung (trombone), Lau Man-hin (saxophone), and Henry Chan (drums).

A Chinese comedy, entitled "The Death Contract" which was in the nature of a satire on the value of "Art," next occupied the bill. It was well-acted, and deserved the warm applause accorded.

The Misses Peggy and Pearl Ma were seen in a number of dances which they executed with much daintiness of expression. After the students' orchestra had rendered some other selections, the Misses Ls Todd and Choy Oi-chee contributed a piano duet, and this brought a most enjoyable concert to a conclusion.

Dancing followed, the merry-making finishing at a late hour. Much credit is due to the following, who were responsible for the excellent arrangements:

Warden, Mr. H. G. Hughes, M.A.; Chairman, Mr. Hong Tsun-ling; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Cheung Kung-leung; and Hon. Treasurer, Mr. P. L. Mingchong Boey.

General Committee, Messrs. Kwong Sik-kwong, Kwai Yim-chor, Leong Kam-leng, Pau Kuan-tai, Wong Shing-hang, and Chan Yuen-cheung.

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DISASTROUS FIRE.

VALUABLES STOCK OF CLOTH DESTROYED.

Fire destroyed a three-storeyed building occupied by a firm of Californian merchants, at No. 72 Jervois Street, early on Saturday morning, with the loss of goods amounting to over \$10,000.

The origin of the outbreak is unknown, save that it started with such fierceness that the inmates barely had time to get into the street before the stairs collapsed.

A stock of cloth on the ground floor appears to have been involved in the first place, feeding the flames until they shot up through the two intervening floors and reached the roof.

Within less than half-an-hour after the alarm was given, the whole building was engulfed in a mass of flames, and was given up for lost.

The Fire Brigade made a prompt appearance on the scene, battling with the fire until they had saved the two adjoining buildings, which did not, however, escape entirely unscathed. The windows and walls of these were scorched, and much property damaged by smoke and water.

The damage, it is understood, is well-covered by insurance.

Further Outbreaks.

In the small hours of yesterday morning, the Brigade were called out to fight another serious outbreak, the house involved on this occasion being No. 73, Wing Lok Street, in the heart of the Chinese business quarter. They found the building well alight on their arrival, the fire having apparently started in the middle floor and spreading rapidly to the roof.

By dint of hard work with the hoses, the two buildings adjoining on either side were saved, but No. 73, was almost burnt out, the roof and floors having fallen in.

Occupying the ground floor was a firm dealing in marine products. It is stated that quite a large stock of that much-valued commodity, shark's fins, was destroyed.

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New Serial.

ORCHID.

BY ELEANOR EARLY.

CHAPTER XXVI.

They sat on the gallery and watched the bougainvillea climbing in the moonlight. And Hollis brought out his guitar and sang ballads of breaking hearts, and lovely ladies, and summer moons. And one about "a beggar with knots in her voice."

"That's like Mona," said Ashforth, "she had knots in her voice." He took her hand and kissed it.

"Now don't talk about Mona," he admonished. "I can't have you feeling badly, you know. Tell me, Ashforth—are you happy, my dear?"

"Happy?" she cried. "I'm simply thrilled to death! It's dreadfully exciting, you know—being compromised by a famous person like you."

"I wish you wouldn't talk that way," he objected. "You know I'm fearfully concerned about what people may say."

"Oh, please," she besought, "don't begin your profound and proper lamentations again."

He propped his guitar against the rail and leaned toward her.

"Young lady," he warned, "I'm a roue and a rogue."

She laughed delightedly.

"Oh, I know," she assured him. "I've read just columns and columns about you. And whole sheets in the Sunday supplements."

"That's why it's such fun," he said, "and had come to lie about her. Pretending that she was cultured and educated, and a fine lady. Now, for the first time, she was about to tell the truth. Not the entire truth. But enough to save her pride, if the great and famous Hollis Hart should ever mean more to her than millionaires usually mean to their stenographers."

"What do you think about me?" she asked.

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He lit a cigarette before replying.

"I'll be darned if I know," he admitted.

"Do you think I'm nice?" she prodded.

He nodded solemnly. "Awfully nice."

"And pretty?" he corrected.

"And clever?"

He laughed.

"Now that's just it," he pronounced. "You're either awfully clever, or you're awfully dumb, my dear. Probably you're clever. Most women are, I think. I'm a very stupid fellow myself."

"Oh, no, you're not," she protested.

"Ask your little friend Sadie," he suggested.

But Ashforth did not want to talk about Sadie.

"She's not really my friend," she explained.

"But you lived together," he exclaimed.

That, undoubtedly, required an explanation. And now, thought Ashforth, was as good a time as any.

"Well, it was like this," she explained. "You see, my father died when I was 16. I was in school at the time. (Public school, of course, but Mr. Hart might think it was boarding school.) And poor daddy didn't leave any money to speak of—just a little insurance. He was a newspaper man—the most brilliant person I've ever known—and I guess if he had lived he would have been very famous. (No need to tell Mr. Hart what an adorable failure daddy was.)"

"But mother and I—we didn't realize, of course—but we were awfully extravagant and we drove daddy almost frantic. (Maybe that sounded like trips to Europe, and fur coats, and foreign cars—how silly it would be to let him know that Maizie's worst extravagances were trashy what-nots for their mean little flat!)"

"He had a nervous breakdown—poor dear. And the doctors said it seemed as if he was simply tired of life. It was easier to die than to get better. So my father just closed his eyes one night... and never opened them again."

Ashforth dabbed her own eyes hastily. She had loved her father wholeheartedly and passionately. Infinitely more than she had ever loved her dear, foolish mother. There had been a mental companionship between them that she could never approach with Maizie. A spiritual and intellectual intimacy.

In her secret heart Ashforth attributed her father's death to her mother's wasteful expenditures. Joe Ashforth was as she had said, a brilliant writer. But he had made the mistake—common among men—of marrying solely because he had found a woman physically attractive. Eventually, of course, he had realized that Maizie's flesh

indeed was willing, but her intellect was weak.

Finally it seemed to his daughter that he had rather die than continue to live with Maizie. To bear with her cheap extravagances. Her trivial chatter. And her inconsequential mind. Joe Ashforth loved beautiful things. Maizie had a soul for trash. And so Joe—weakly—had laid him down—and died. Leaving a tidy little insurance. And a remarkable letter to his daughter.

Ashforth swallowed the lump in her throat, and went on.

"After he died," she said, "we simply didn't know what to do. Mother was all broken up. So Sadie's mother—Mrs. Morton—she's a wonderfully good-hearted soul—she insisted upon taking us in. We were so glad to be able to clasp a friendly hand that it didn't make a bit of difference who the Mortons were—or what they were. They're just as common as they can be, Hollis—and poor. And uneducated—and everything. But they were beautifully kind to mother and me... and I'm a perfect little beast to feel superior to Sadie!"

Ashforth finished bravely.

"After all," she declared, "Mrs. Morton was mother's friend."

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Ashforth, unfortunately, had no illusions about her mother. She was furtively ashamed of Maizie, and had come to lie about her. Pretending that she was cultured and educated, and a fine lady. Now, for the first time, she was about to tell the truth. Not the entire truth. But enough to save her pride, if the great and famous Hollis Hart should ever mean more to her than millionaires usually mean to their stenographers."

Hollis was patting her hand sympathetically, and she was encouraged to continue.

"Speaking of my father," she said, "I have read that there are three kinds of inheritance."

"Yes?" Hollis seemed interested.

"It's a long time since I've studied the laws of inheritance. I'm afraid I've forgotten all about them."

"Well, there's 'blended' inheritance," Ashforth told him, "where the child bears the marks of composite authorship. That sounds like a book," she explained, "because I memorized it."

"Prepotent" inheritance, where one parent, or remoter ancestor, is supposed to be most effective in stamping the offspring.

"And 'exclusive' inheritance, where the character of the child is definitely that of one ancestor."

She paused well pleased with her little bit of erudition.

"And which inheritance," inquired Hollis politely, "is yours?"

"Oh, mine is 'exclusive,'" Ashforth declared. "I inherited solely from my father."

"Indeed?" Hollis stroked her hand absently. "You know I had an idea you were very like your mother. I remember of your telling me how she had named you for the moon goddess of old Egypt, because of her interest in the religions of pagan people. You told me that she was rather a student of antiquities."

Ashforth flushed and was glad of the dark because the man beside her could not see the tell-tale colour flooding her pale cheeks.

"Well," she admitted, "I don't know that mother is exactly a student. It was really a most unusual thing—the way I happened to be christened. Would you like me to tell you about it?"

He shifted comfortably in the long, tropical chair that held his outstretched legs along its arms.

"Certainly would," he asserted.

"But let me get you a pillow first. I want to be sure you're quite comfortable."

"Oh, but I am," she assured him. She loved his small attentions.

"Then you must let me get some more cigarettes," he said, "I'm never a good listener unless I can smoke."

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He went into the drawing-room, and was back in a moment. As he stood reflected in the doorway he struck a match and bent his head to the flame. She reflected—as a hundred thousand women had done before her—that his face is half-lighted in the flame of a match. Hollis Hart, considering his age (he must have been all of 50), was an extraordinarily handsome person. Ashforth liked, particularly, the grey hair at his temples. It was quite *distingue*, she told herself. As, indeed, it was.

"Well," she said, "once upon a time a lady had a dream. The lady was my mother. And I was three

VICTIMS BURIED IN RUINS.

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Mr. W. Woods.

Mr. William Woods, whose body was found in the hotel, was the Far Eastern representative of the W. E. Woods Company, of Wellington, New Zealand, owners of the Great Woods Peppermint Cure. He was found dead in his bed by firemen at 9 o'clock this morning, in a room on one of the upper floors. He has been suffering from a severe chill and had been confined to his bed for the greater part of the week. Mr. Woods, who was an Australian, had been in Hongkong for the past two months on business.

An eye-witness of the fire states that one of the unidentified Chinese who has been reported killed died when he jumped from the 3rd floor and fell right through a jumping sheet.

French Illusionist.

M. Paul Etienne Baile, who is amongst those killed, has been identified by his Consular papers to be the stage magician and illusionist, who, under the professional name of Max Pickmann, recently appeared at the World Theatre.

The deceased was to have left for Saigon last week, but postponed his departure in order to make a trip to Canton. He only returned yesterday, waiting for the next steamer to go southwards. He was a native of Montpellier, France.

The deceased's Chinese boy, who was engaged here and who had assisted him at stage performances, was also staying in the hotel. At the time of the disaster he was in a servants' room on the top floor, and made a timely escape by crossing the way connecting with Alexandra Building.

General Chan's Injuries.

To friends who called on him at the Government Civil Hospital, this morning, General Chan Ming-shu said he was "at first considerably worried over the safety of his wife, in consequence of which, delaying a trifle too long, he was burnt rather severely about the head, but escaped in the nick of time. He climbed down the side of the building to the lower floors and dropped the remainder of the distance to the ground."

His wife had an equally remarkable escape, and both are now at the Government Civil Hospital, suffering from burns. General Chan was severely injured about the face, most of his hair being burnt off his head.

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"I've heard my father tell about it a hundred times. He was sound asleep, and mother was lying on her back with her arm flung across his chest. There was moonlight on her face. And her hair was spread across the pillow like a golden veil."

"Carthage," she said. "When Dido was queen—And Cleopatra. And Judith of Tyre."

"Daddy woke up, and laughed. Then, bending above her, he drew away, horrified. For mother's eyes were staring—the dreadful, unseeing eyes of the somnambulist. And her voice was strangely pitched, and foreign."

"She woke with a dreadful start. And closed her eyes, and passed her hand across them."

"Daddy took her in his arms, and tried to laugh, and comfort her. She seemed so frightened. But she drew away from him, and began to talk."

"They were coming across the desert," she said. "Great caravans, like ships in moonlight. Elephants and apes and peacocks. 'Broderies, and rums and precious stones. And men... marching... marching...'"

"Well, naturally, father was scared to death. You see—if you know mother—you simply couldn't imagine her talking like that—like a book, I mean. Then she began raving about reincarnation. She said she had lived before—in Egypt. And that she had worshipped the sun, and the moon. And lived in a temple, and danced before strange gods."

"Of course daddy told her it was all a dream—the funniest kind of a nightmare. But mother kept on insisting the strangest things. She said she had been a princess. And the Prince of Grace wooed her in her marble palace."

"While she was talking like that, I woke up, and began to cry. And daddy took me out of my crib and heated my bottle, and brought me in to mother."

"And all of a sudden, she said, 'I shall call her Ashforth.'"

"Well, father said you could have knocked him over with a feather, because—though he knew a lot about antiquity—he had never imagined that mother knew anything about it."

"Ashforth!" he cried. "What for?"

"For the moon," said mother, as calmly as anything.

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HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE.

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Edward Hotel, on the Des Voeux Road side, were well alight and it was obvious that nothing could save the upper part of the building.

At this time, three lines of hose were being worked, but the flames had got such a fierce hold that they had little effect. Flames shot out from the verandahs and those standing in the doorway of the Bank of East Asia could easily feel the heat.

The fire escapes were in use. The fire spread along the side of the building most affected and the side from which the majority of hotel residents jumped. The escape only reached up to the third floor, however.

Down Lee House Street, the fire spread only on the upper floors and at this time it was obvious that a terrible disaster would occur.

Spreads to Savoy.

By 4.30 the top floor of the Savoy Hotel was well alight, fierce flames shooting out over the verandahs. Lines of hose littered Charter Road, Lee House Street and Des Voeux Road. The full equipment of the Fire Brigade was soon brought to bear on the outbreak, a big fire float being moored at the Star Ferry pier and her searchlight playing full into Lee House Street.

Lines of hose were also taken up into Prince's Building and from the upper storeys streams of water were poured into the King Edward.

Despite the age volume of water poured into the buildings, the fire continued to spread. On the Des Voeux Road side the upper floors were quickly gutted, falling debris sending up huge showers of sparks which at one time threatened Alexandra Building.

As a precaution, the sun blinds on the verandahs of Alexandra Buildings were taken down by office employees in order to remove inflammable material from the range of the showers of flying sparks.

Top Floors Fall In.

The fire raged most fiercely on the Des Voeux Road side, but by 4.30 the streams of water were beginning to take effect, but it was apparent that the top floors were nearly burned out. These floors soon fell in, sending more showers of sparks high into the air.

Spectacular in the extreme, the fire was watched by a comparatively small crowd, due to the early hour at which it broke out. Chinese flocks left their quarters in full force to watch the fire, and the crowd was soon reinforced by a number of Europeans, several of whom were in night attire and dressing gowns.

Such residents of the King Edward and the Savoy Hotel as could get out found accommodation at the St. Francis, the Metropole and elsewhere.

The efforts of the Brigade in Lee House Street, directed from the Upper Floors of Prince's Building soon began to have an effect and gradually the flames died down, to give way to dense volumes of smoke, which filtered through the streets of the city. Even Wyndham Street was choked with smoke shortly after 4.30 a.m.

Naval Men Arrive.

A detachment of men from the Royal Navy arrived about five o'clock, in charge of officers. The men showed signs of being suddenly summoned, and they were equipped with top boots and brought along with them gas helmets, axes and life-lines. Directions were issued through Naval Officers by Superintendent Brooks.

The naval men were detailed to Prince's Building, where they let down lines and hauled up further lengths of hose.

From this stage, the fire was gradually got under effective control. With the additional lines from the top of Prince's Building, the Fire Brigade and naval men were able to concentrate on the top floor of the Savoy Hotel and soon the fierce glare died down. Further up Lee House Street, other lines of hose directed from Prince's Building also effectively quelled the fire in the top floors of the King Edward.

With the arrival of the naval detachment, firemen were relieved from duty at other points to concentrate on the Des Voeux Road side, where one of the fire escapes was placed. Firemen took lines of hose to the top, and pouring streams of water into the top three storeys, saw the worst part of the outbreak gradually die down.

Goods Removed.

Fears that Alexandra Building might also be involved were now dispelled, but ladies were noticed in the premises of Au Petit Louvre removing the stock as a precaution against possible spread. Fortunately, the efforts of the fire-fighters were successful in stemming the spread of the flames which were of

AMAZING ESCAPES.

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Most of Staff Safe.

As far as can be gathered, the majority of the employees of the King Edward Hotel have been accounted for. The Chinese "boys" tell stories of first running down from the upper floors, only to find that the normal way of escape was blocked by smoke and flames. The majority of them appear to have made their escape by the bridge leading from the King Edward Hotel to Alexandra Building. None of them saved their belongings, however, and three boys are believed to have been injured. They are stated to be Ng Goryin; To Chat and Leung Kwan.

Canton Governor's Escape.

General Chan Ming-shu, the Civil Governor of Kwangtung, and Commander of the 11th Nationalist Army, who came down from Canton on Thursday last en route to Shanghai to attend the Third Kuomintang National Congress, had a lucky escape. General Chan was staying at the King Edward Hotel with his wife and his secretary, Mr. Chung. Mr. Chung at the moment is stated to be missing and is believed to have been killed.

General Chan Ming-shu was to have left on the ss. Khyber yesterday but his departure was delayed. He was in the same room with his wife, in the second floor. The couple awoke to find the building in flames.

General Chan lost no time to assisting his wife, and dashed out on to the verandah. From there they were seen by firemen in the street, who called to them to jump into a sheet.

Both Madame and General Chan jumped one after the other from the second floor and were saved. They were admitted to the Government Civil Hospital at 4 a.m.

No Savoy Casualties.

All residents of the Savoy Hotel, the top floor of which was burned out, managed to escape without injury, as far as can be gathered at the moment. The majority made their way down the fire escape, leading down to the alley running between the Savoy Hotel and Alexandra Building.

Residents in the Savoy Hotel last night were Mr. Pearman, Mr. and Mrs. Ma. Taque, and child, Mrs. Edmondson and two children, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Larson, Mr. W. T. Geall, Mr. C. Klen, Mr. G. E. Wetton, Mr. and Mrs. Mancini, Miss M. Manuk, Miss A. Seabrook, Mr. T. H. Raydt, Mr. Keller, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Mullen (U.S.A. Navy), Mrs. O. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Best.

Only the two upper floors of the Savoy Hotel were burned out, the remainder being badly damaged by water. Most of the residents escaped in good time, the majority by means of the hotel's fire escape. Mr. M. Manuk, Secretary of the Dairy Farm Co., who usually resides at the hotel, is away in Shanghai, but his sister occupied a room in the hotel. As she has been sick lately, the management took every care to see that she speedily got out of the building.

The damage to the Savoy is fully covered, we are informed, by insurance with several foreign and Chinese firms.

sufficient intensity to jump the narrow alleyway between the King Edward block and Alexandra Building.

The worst of one of Hongkong's most terrible fires had been seen by the break of dawn. As the darkness was lifted, the exterior of the hotel, merely blackened on the upper floors, with roof and windows missing, gave little real indication of the utter destruction inside. Hanging from one of the verandahs was seen the sheet by which Chief Petty Officer Phillips, of the U.S.S. Asheville, made a sensational escape.

Firemen broke down the side door of the King Edward about six o'clock in order to get at the smouldering masses of debris inside. The lines of hose were kept working at full pressure, however, and it seemed likely that there was little to see and gradually the streets cleared again.

The official Fire Brigade report is not available at the moment. The first call was put through to Central headquarters at 3.08, four engines being sent. Later two more were despatched from the out stations. Five motor pumps were used and both fire floats. By 6.40 a.m. the fire had been mastered.

It is understood that the King Edward Hotel is owned by Mr. Lau Yick-chuck and mortgaged to the Land Investment Co. for \$600,000. The management of the hotel was under a Chinese syndicate who took up the concern in July, 1923.

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HOPE FOR PEACE.

HANKOW OFFICIALS OPTIMISTIC.

Hankow, Mar. 9. The situation is quiet and there are no signs of military activity. Optimism continues to prevail, local officialdom expressing confidence that with the forthcoming arrival at Nanking of General Li Chung-yeu (the Kwangsi leader hitherto at Hankow) from Shanghai and of Marshal Li Chai-sum (the Kwangsi leader at Canton) from Canton, a peaceful settlement with the National Government over the Hunan coup can be negotiated.

The present disposition of the Hankow troops is stated, roughly, to be:

80,000 men in the three cities of Wu-han and stretching in an irregular line from Hankow northward along the Peking-Hankow Railway to Kwangsi (i.e., to the northern frontier of Hupeh province, watching the "Christian General's" men in Honan) and also along the north bank of the Yangtze River down to Wusueh (to watch for an advance by Nanking's troops, 30,000 men garrisoning Hunan province and its eastern boundary, separating it from Kiangsi province (the General of which supports Nanking); 20,000 men in the smaller towns of Hupeh province.—*Reuter*.

Chefoo Position.

Chefoo, Mar. 10.

Although Chang Chung-chang's presence at Dairen during the past week is confirmed, there is no truth in the report that his armies have been routed, as no fighting has hitherto taken place. A representative of Chang Chung-chang here is endeavouring to persuade Liu Chen-nien to throw in his lot with the ex-tuehun, but Liu Chen-nien refuses to expose his hand, maintaining his entrenchments and placing land mines and barbed wire on his front line between Kangyu and Tsangklachwang.

It is considered that Chang Chung-chang's organisation and supply of arms and munitions is poor, hence his endeavouring to buy over Liu Chen-nien. The latter's subordinates, former followers of Chang fear displacement if Nanking's appointees take over the civil and military posts, hence they are sympathetic with Chang.

Liu Chen-nien is reported to have sent a representative to Tientsin to verify Chang Chung-chang's claim of a secret alliance with Li Chung-yeu, and is awaiting a report before taking further action.

Many refugees have arrived from Tsangklachwang owing to the danger of the land mines and warlike preparations which indicate that fighting is probable in the near future.—*Reuter*.

NARCOTIC POISONING.

BRITISH RAILWAY EMPLOYEE FOUND DEAD.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Mar. 10. Mystery surrounds the death of Mr. Kay, a British employee of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway. He is believed to have been a victim of poisoning by narcotics.

VISCOUNT FINLAY'S DEATH.

SCOTTISH LAWYER AND STATESMAN.

London, Mar. 10.

The death is announced of Viscount Finlay, the Scottish lawyer and statesman.—*Reuter*.

[Robert Bannatyne Finlay, lawyer and statesman, was born in Edinburgh in July, 1842, and was educated at Edinburgh Academy and University. His father, William Finlay, was a Scottish Physician and he himself first graduated in medicine. He then, however, took up the study of law and was called to the English Bar in 1867. By 1882 he had become a Q. C.]

Entering the House of Commons in 1885 as Conservative member for the Inverness Burghs, he held the seat until 1892. He regained it in 1895 and was made Solicitor-General in Lord Salisbury's Government, receiving a knighthood. From 1900 until 1906 when the Conservative Government was defeated, he was Attorney-General. His political career was resumed in 1910, when he was returned as member for Edinburgh, and St. Andrews Universities. On the formation of the Lloyd George Coalition Government in 1916 he went to the Upper House with a life peerage and was made Lord Chancellor.

In 1918 he retired and in March of the following year was created a Viscount. His appointment as British member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague followed in 1920. When in 1921 the League of Nations set up the Court of International Justice consisting of 11 judges and 4 deputy judges to deal with breaches of international obligations, the interpretation of treaties and other matters in dispute between nations, he was made one of its members.

In his legal career one of the chief cases of public interest with which he was prominently associated was the Whitaker Wright action in 1903.

Viscount Finlay was Lord Rector of Edinburgh University from 1902 to 1903 and was an hon. LL.D. of Cambridge, Edinburgh, and St. Andrews. He married in 1874 the daughter of Cosmo Innes, an Edinburgh advocate. Their only son is Sir Wm. Finlay, a judge of the King's Bench Division of the High Court.]

FOREIGN CAPITAL.

BRITISH KEY INDUSTRIES ADVERSELY AFFECTED.

New York, Mar. 9.

That British industrialists feel that too much foreign capital is entering their key industries is the opinion expressed by a banker, Mr. S. H. Vallance, on receipt of a cable that only British shareholders will be authorised to purchase additional shares which will be voted at a general meeting of the British General Electric Company in London.

A protective Committee formed of American shareholders decided to employ counsel to attend the meeting of their behalf, and a protest was telegraphed to Sir Hugo Hirst. It was suggested that the attention of the State Department should be drawn to the matter.—*Reuter's American Service*.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS AND A SETTLEMENT.

Tokyo, Mar. 9.

Baron Tanaka, the Japanese Premier, gave an interview to journalists in Tokyo this morning, and, commenting upon the latest news from China, stated that while no agreement has yet been reached between Japan and China, the negotiations are progressing most satisfactorily.—*Reuter*.

Nanking, Mar. 8.

An early resumption of Chinese and Japanese negotiations is predicted.

Reports from Japanese sources state that Tokyo has announced its willingness to give further important concessions in order to settle the outstanding issues, but no confirmation of these concessions can be obtained in Chinese official circles.

It is learned that Dr. C. T. Wang, the Chinese Foreign Minister, does not intend to make his usual week-end trip to Shanghai, but is remaining at Nanking.

Dr. Wang and M. de Martel were in conference this morning and they are meeting again tomorrow.—*Reuter*.

Tsinan Incident.

Nanking, Mar. 10.

In reference to the belief in official circles in Tokyo that because of the irruption of Chang Chung-chung, and also desiring to arrange a satisfactory settlement with Japan, prior to opening the third National Kuomintang Conference at Nanking on the 16th inst, the attitude of the Nationalist Government has weakened and that it is now prepared to make concessions in connexion with the settlement of the Tsinan incident in order to expedite the withdrawal of Japanese troops from Shantung, *Reuter* is informed that "officials of the Nationalist Government emphatically deny that Chinese domestic politics are a factor in settling the Shantung question, with Japan or other pending issues."—*Reuter*.

REPARATIONS.

INTERNATIONAL BANK IS SUGGESTED.

Paris, Mar. 10.

The Reparations Experts committee, in a communique, expresses the opinion that the final settlement of the problem of reparations requires a permanent institution, such as an International Bank, to act as trustees, receiving the annuities from Germany and distributing them to the creditors. It will facilitate transfers and finance deliveries in kind, and act as an intermediary between all interested governments and issuing banks in marketing bonds that might be issued for the commercialisation of German annuities.

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FARMERS' SHOW.

PREPARATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR.

An important meeting of the New Territories Agricultural Show was held at the Tung Ying Hok Po, Sir Robert Ho Tung's experimental farm at Sheung Shui, on Saturday. Officers for the year were elected and plans for the work for the third year formulated.

Among those present were the Rev. H. B. Wells, Lady Ho Tung, Messrs. J. A. Fraser, (district officer), F. C. Mow Fung, C. M. Manners, F. W. Stapleton (Kowloon Residents' Association), Fung Ki-cheuk (of Fanning), Tang Wei-tong (one of the leading elders of the New Territories), Leung Hon-kai (proprietor of the Castle Peak Restaurant), Tsai Po-lin (a local contractor), Ng Sing-chi (hon. Chinese Secretary), J. D. Bush (hon. English Secretary) and others. Sir Robert Ho Tung, T. P. Tong (of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank), and Mr. J. L. McPherson were unavoidably absent.

Rev. H. B. Wells, who has been one of the most active workers and originators of the Show, was elected chairman, with Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. Fraser, vice-chairmen. Mr. J. D. Bush, Mr. Ng Sing-chi and Mr. T. P. Tong (hon. treasurer) were re-elected to their respective posts.

New Year's Exhibition.

The date for the next Show was fixed for January 4 and 5, 1930, this being convenient for the Chinese farmers to display their exhibits. It was pointed out that if later dates were selected to suit the convenience of foreign exhibitors, the Chinese New Year would greatly interfere with the native farmers and there would, as a result, be a smaller variety of Chinese exhibits. It was generally thought that the dates chosen were the best for both Chinese and foreign vegetables.

There was a long discussion as to the advisability of holding the Show at Hung Hom, somewhere near the Railway. Mr. Manners, who made the suggestion, mentioned that it was for promoters to make the Show interesting both to the farmers and the general public of the Kowloon Peninsula and Hongkong. There were two things to be considered. The farmer's standpoint and the standpoint of the visitors. According to Mr. Manners, it was easier to bring the farmers to Kowloon than to take the people to the farmers.

Question of Venue.

If the exhibition were held at any less centrally located district, the people who find it difficult to attend would not go to the Show. Mr. Manners remarked that Sheung Shui was a difficult place to get to. While last year's show was a great success, there was plenty of room for improvement. Mr. Mow Fung expressed the view that if the exhibition was held in Yau-mat it would not impede the progress of the Show as long as it was held near the Railway Station, as easy transportation would be a great problem.

Mr. Tang Wei-tong held the view, however, that the original object of the Show was to promote progress of agriculture in the New Territories and during the past two years this aim had been main-

tained. The first thing was to consider the farmers, and to encourage them to grow better vegetables.

The Rev. Wells pointed out that it would be inconvenient to have the show at Hung Hom, as the farmers would want to leave the exhibition early. He mentioned that last year it was arranged that the various exhibits should be taken away at 4 p.m., but the farmers started to remove their vegetables at 3 p.m. in order to get to their homes before dark.

Sheung Shui Selected.

The meeting resolved to hold the exhibition near the Sheung Shui Railway Station, thus saving visitors a twenty-minute journey from the train.

Mr. Fraser suggested a site at a place called Sar Wu Hut. A committee was appointed to study the place and report at the next meeting.

An entertainment committee was appointed to map out plans to make the Show as interesting and attractive as possible. Messrs. Fung Ki-cheuk, Leung Hon-kai and Tang Yau-kan were elected, with the assistance of Mr. Fraser and Mr. Manners.

The committee are devising ways and means of forming the New Territories Agricultural Show into an Agricultural Association, soliciting membership throughout the New Territories, so that eventually the Association will gradually work on its policy of expansion and be made self-sustaining.

Messrs. Tang Wei-tong, Fung Ki-cheuk and Li Cheung-chok will work together and draft out a constitution and regulations for the formation of the new Agricultural Association.

A special worker, Mr. Fung Fuk, was detailed to make clear to the farmers that if they desired to improve their soil they should submit specimens from time to time to the Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd. (formerly Messrs. Brunner, Mond, Ltd.) for analysis in their laboratory in Shanghai. This firm has always been strong supporters of the Show.

The next meeting will be held on April 27 at the same place.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.
SOUP, COUP, COOP, COOL, COWL, BOWL.

PROHIBITION LAW.

ENFORCEMENT BY MEANS OF EDUCATION.

Washington, Mar. 9.

President Hoover announces that the projected Research Commission will not only deal with the effective enforcement of prohibition but with narcotics, immigration and trade restrictions.

Washington, Mar. 9.

In order to bring Prohibition favourably before the public, \$50,000 of the Prohibition Appropriation Fund is being employed for educational purposes, posters, and cartoons stressing the evils of the liquor traffic.

Mr. Robert P. Lamont, Secretary of Commerce, has resigned from the Directorate of the Association against Prohibition on assuming Cabinet rank, as he desires "to play the game."

Legations' Liquor.

Washington, Mar. 8.

With the stricter enforcement of the Prohibition laws under the Hoover regime, the foreign Legations in Washington may be forced to get their own liquors to convey wines and spirits, etc., for their own use.

The exemption from seizure which is, of course, granted to liquor intended for the Legations, has always been extended to the Legations delivering the goods, but the Transport Company which has been responsible for the carriage hitherto has been informed that the load it has just delivered to the Legations must be its last.

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HOURS CONVENTION.

BRITISH LABOUR MINISTER GOES TO GENEVA.

London, Mar. 9.

The Minister of Labour, Sir A. Steel-Maitland, has left for Geneva to attend a meeting of the governing body of the International Labour Organisation.

The meeting is important because it is the first time in its history that Ministers of Labour represent their Governments.

The chief question for discussion is the Washington Hours Convention which Great Britain proposes should be revised.

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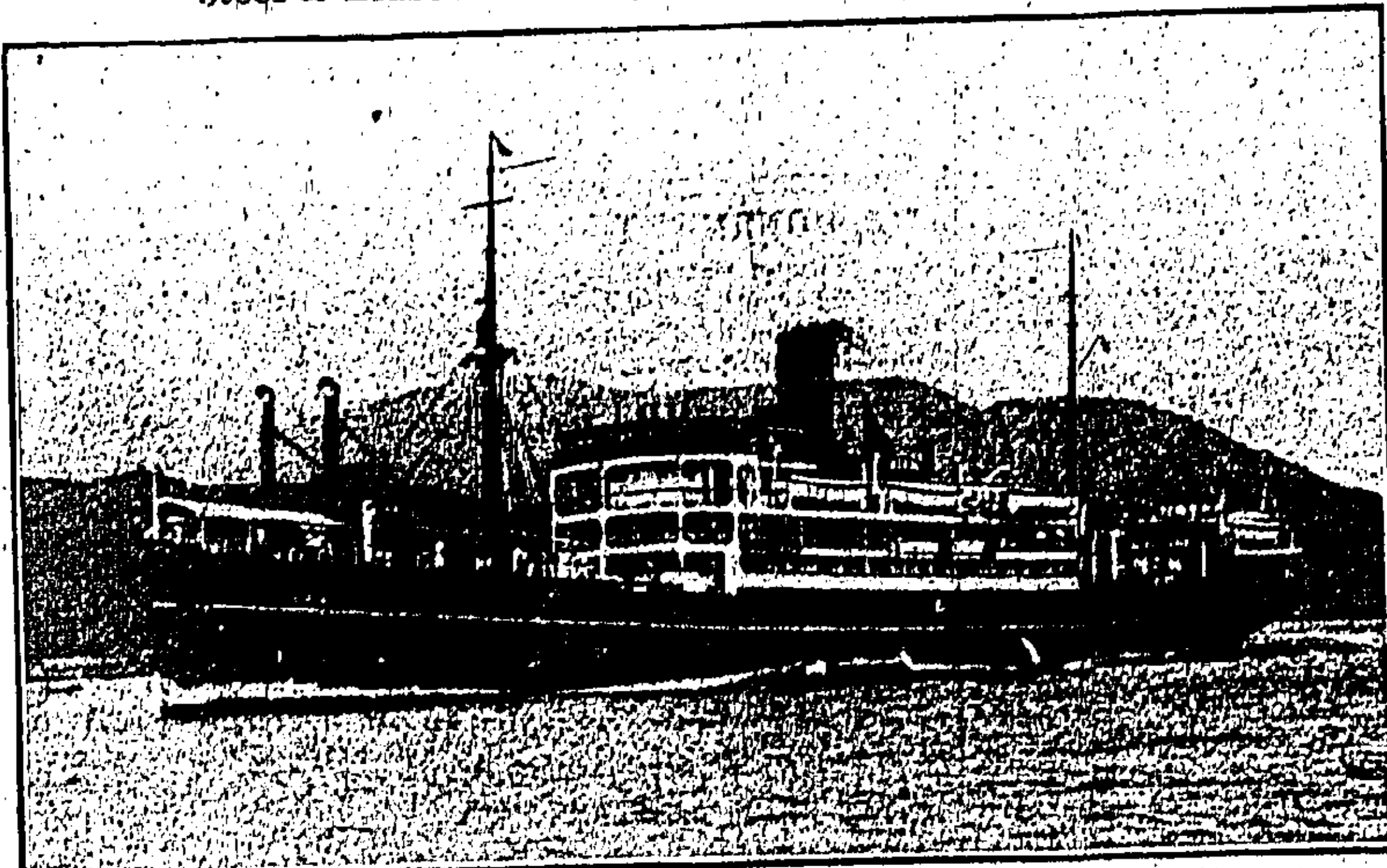
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SANTHIA	7,754	21st Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Yok & Osaka
KARMALA	9,128	23rd Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok
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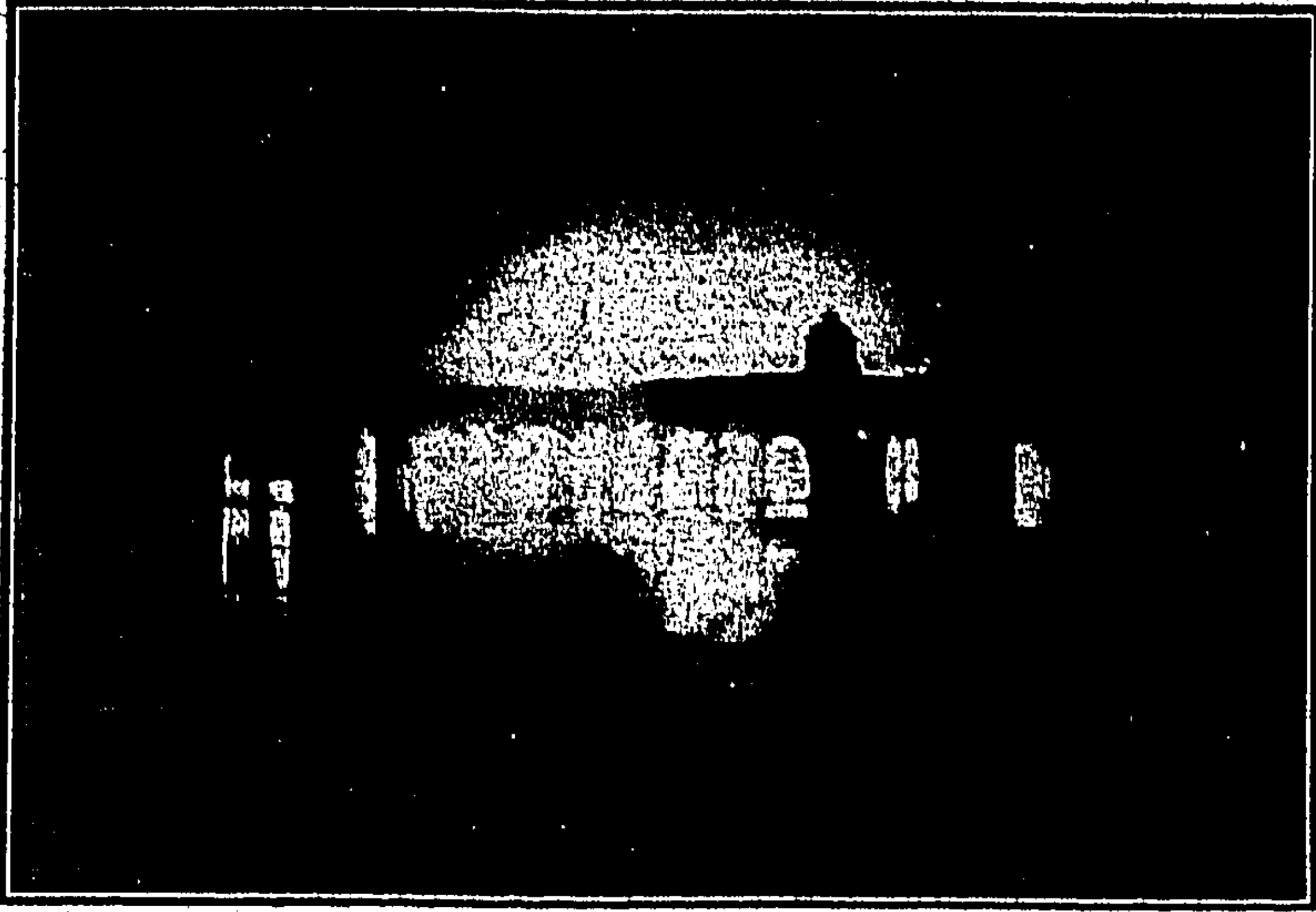
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FIRST PICTURE OF THE FIRE.



This striking photo was taken in the early hours of this morning, when the disastrous fire at the King Edward Hotel was at its height. The completeness of the devastation in the upper storeys is all too evident. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

ENGLAND'S FINE SCORE.

LEYLAND AND WHITE
ADD 34 RUNS.

AUSTRALIA BAT CAUTIOUSLY
IN FACE OF 519.

LEYLAND MAKES 137.

England's last wicket stand in the Fifth Test at Melbourne, this morning resulted in the addition of 34 runs to the over-night total, England being dismissed for 519 runs.

Facing this formidable total, Australia began very slowly and when the lunch interval was reached, they had scored 19 runs without loss.

Leyland (not out 110) and J. C. White (not out 2) took their place at the crease this morning having already contributed fifteen runs in partnership. There was much excitement as the Australians endeavoured to get rid of the last man, but White sat on the spile, and Leyland hit out.

Hot Weather.

There were 15,000 spectators present when the game was resumed in hot and hazy weather. The wicket was wearing exceedingly well, and was playing hard.

Grimmett was unable to field owing to his injury.

The 500 was sent up when the innings had lasted for six minutes, short of 10 hours, and 19 runs later Leyland was caught at cover by Fairfax.

Leyland gave a magnificent display of off-driving and late cutting. He was at the wicket for 300 minutes and scored 137, his total including no fewer than seventeen 4's. The innings had been in progress for 615 minutes when the last wicket fell.

Australia's Innings.

Woodfull and Jackson were sent out to open Australia's innings and they opened very quietly. The first four overs were maidens, and only two runs accrued from the first nine overs.

Then Jackson twice sent Tate to the boundary. They had made 19 runs when lunch was taken.

England—1st Innings.

J. B. Hobbs, lb.w., Ryder	143
D. R. Jardine, c Oldfield, b Wall	10
W. R. Hammond, c Fairfax, b Wall	38
E. Tyldesley, c Hornbrook, b Ryder	31
G. Duckworth, c Fairfax, b Hornbrook	12
E. Hendren, c Hornbrook, b Fairfax	95
M. Leyland, c Fairfax, b Oxenham	137
H. Larwood, b Wall	4
G. Geary, b Hornbrook	4
M. W. Tate, c substitute, b Hornbrook	15
J. C. White, not out	9
Extras	13

Total 519
Fall of wickets: 1 for 54 runs (Jardine), 2 for 146 (Hammond), 3 for 235 (Hobbs), 4 for 249 (Tyldesley), 5 for 260 (Duckworth), 6 for 401 (Hendren), 7 for 409 (Larwood), 8 for 428 (Geary), 9 for 470 (Tate) 10 for 519 (Leyland).

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wall	49	8	123	3
Hornbrook	43	8	142	3
Oxenham	45	15	88	1
Grimmett	25	11	40	0
Fairfax	27	4	34	1
Ryder	19	5	29	2
Kippax	3	1	2	0

Australia—1st Innings.

W. M. Woodfull not out	6
A. Jackson not out	11
Extras	2

Total (for 0 wk.) 19

SOME STATISTICS BY MUSSOLINI.

TELLS OPERA AUDIENCE WHAT HE HAS DONE.

AS MODEST AS USUAL.

Rome, Mar. 10.
"Legislative work, the adaptation, the control and the creation of new institutions in Italy has been only part of my work. I have granted 60,000 audiences, and I have interested myself in 1,887,112 questions referring to Italian citizens that have reached me through my private secretaries."

Thus spoke Signor Mussolini, the Italian Dictator, who received a wild ovation on attending the Royal Opera House to-night.

The audience was more than 4,000, including the majority of Mussolini's Cabinet, and four hundred General Election candidates, and all the Prefects.

Signor Mussolini, reviewing the work of his regime, expressed the opinion that the terrorism of Fas-

ASSASSINATION IN TIENTSIN.

Former Aviation Director
Shot Dead.

Tientsin, Mar. 11.
Chu Tung-feng, formerly Anfu Director of Aviation, was assassinated on Saturday morning at his residence in the Japanese Concession.

The assassin gained admittance by pretending that he had a message from General Chang-Chung-chang, and then shot Chu dead.—Reuter.

cism has quite faded compared with former and contemporary terrorisms.

He said that a special tribunal for the defence of the State had acquitted four thousand out of 5,000 tried.

As regards foreign policy, Signor Mussolini said that Italy desired peace, but was prepared to defend her interests in any part of the world.—Reuter.

STRANGE RAILWAY TRAGEDY.

HUGE BOULDER CRASHES INTO TRAIN.

Constantinople, Mar. 10.
Four people were killed and eleven seriously injured near Adabazar, in Anatolia, during the night when a huge boulder hurtled down the mountainside and crashed into a passing train.

The engine was smashed to smithereens, whilst several coaches capsized.—Reuter.

TROTSKY GETS MORE FREEDOM.

MOVES FROM CONSULATE TO HOTEL.

Constantinople, Mar. 10.
Trotsky, with his wife and son, has been allowed to leave the Soviet Consulate.

They are now living at a hotel, Trotsky having undertaken to maintain complete reserve and not to organise any demonstrations.—Reuter.

CHINA WAR CRISIS LATEST.

LI CHUNG-YEN CABLES RESIGNATION.

CONCILIATORY LETTER BY CHIANG KAI-SHEK.

FIGHTING UNLIKELY.

Shanghai, Mar. 10.
To clarify his attitude towards the Hunan Situation which has arisen consequent upon the dismissal of General Lu Ti-ping by the Wuhan Branch Political Council, General Li Chung-yen, the chairman of the Council, yesterday telegraphed to Nanking his resignation from all his substantive concurrent posts in the Central Government, as well as his position as Chairman of the Wuhan Council.

(His resignation from membership of the State Council was announced in the Telegraph on Saturday.)

Gen. Li's Telegram.

In his telegram of resignation, General Li Chung-yen says he has been faithfully observing the instruction of the central authorities in the hope of facilitating the early completion of the mission of the national revolution.

"Now that Nanking proposes the abolition of the Division Political Councils and the Headquarters of the Fourth Group Army, it is fitting that I should conclude my duties as chairman of the Wuhan Divisional Council and Commander of the Fourth Group Army.

"I beg also to be relieved of my position as a Member of the State Council so that I may have complete rest.

"As regards the Hunan developments, while I was not there at the time of the affair, I am informed that it was an emergency measure taken only as a matter of precaution.

Nanking's Risk.

"I now understand that there are extensive troop movements up the Yangtze.

"At this time when the Communists are eagerly waiting for an opportunity to stage an uprising it behoves the authorities to guard against being utilised by them."

Prior to the despatch of General Li Chung-yen's telegram, Reuter understands, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, in the course of a personal letter to General Li Chung-yen, relative to the dismissal of Lu Ti-ping, said:

Orders Ignored.

"Since your departure from Wuhan, no responsible official has been guiding the authorities there. The long distance separating the Central authorities from Wuhan renders direct control ineffective. Even your own orders have carried no force there.

"As a precaution and for the sake of maintaining dignity, the Central Government has been forced to mobilize its troops. What the Central Government is aiming at is non-interference with the administration.

"For the general welfare of the people and of the nation and for the realisation of the programme of the Kuomintang Party, the Central Government will not resort lightly to war. As long as the dignity of the Government remains unimpaired everything else can be satisfactorily settled.—Reuter.

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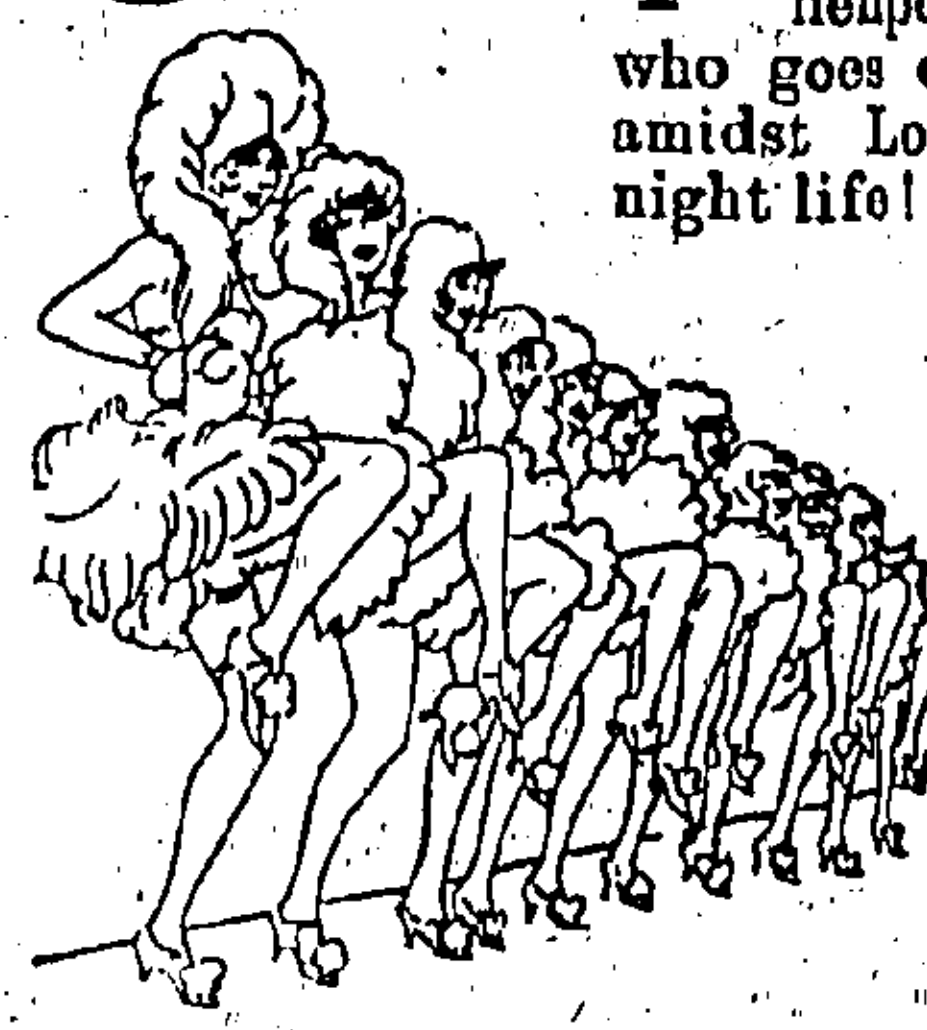


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KING EDWARD HOTEL DISASTER.

HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE.

EUROPEANS TRAPPED IN BLAZING BUILDING.

BRITISH LADY LEAPS TO DEATH FROM UPPER FLOOR.

FIRE'S RAPID SPREAD.

One of the worst fire disasters in the history of the Colony occurred in the early hours of this morning, the King Edward Hotel being completely gutted, the blaze spreading into the upper storeys of the Savoy Hotel.

The most tragic feature was the loss of several lives, including a number of Europeans, while among the injured were General Chan Ming-shu, the Civil Governor of Kwangtung, and his wife, who like many others, jumped from the blazing building and had exceedingly narrow escapes.

The fact that the fire escapes could not reach the upper floors of the burning hotel was largely responsible for the casualties. Numbers of residents were trapped and there were exciting scenes as they leaped into the jumping-sheets held out by firemen and volunteers.

One European lady, believed to be Mrs. D. J. Robson, wife of a Naval Yard official, jumped from the fourth floor into the street and was killed instantaneously.

Several charred bodies have, this morning, been discovered in the ruined shell of the building, but only one or two have so far been identified. It is feared that Mr. Enos Seth, who was on a holiday visit to the Colony, is among the missing.

EYE WITNESS' STORIES.

One of the earliest Europeans on the scene was Mr. N. V. A. Croucher, of Messrs. Benjamin and Co., who was amongst those who rendered assistance by holding the Brigade sheets into which trapped residents of the Hotel jumped. In conversation with a Telegraph representative, Mr. Croucher said he believed that the fire broke out at about 2.50 a.m., but the time could not be definitely stated. There also appeared some doubt as to whether the outbreak originated on the ground floor or higher up. Mr. Croucher states that the Brigade arrived on the scene very quickly, but, none the less, the fire had obtained a good hold on the building by this time. Their work was somewhat hampered owing to the fact that very little water could be got from the hydrant in front of Lane, Crawford's establishment. At this point a fire escape was got into position, but some difficulty was experienced in getting it into operation. Mr. T. H. King, the Acting C.S.P., was early on the scene directing operations as head of the Fire Brigade.

Thrilling Scenes.

Mr. Croucher went on to describe some of the thrilling escapes, including that of Petty Officer Phillips, of the U.S.S. Pittsburgh, who, with the aid of two sheets tied together, scaled down from the fifth floor of the building to the fourth floor where he was able to descend in position for him. The majority of the casualties up to that time were caused by jumping from high floor verandahs. A man who signalled his intention of jumping fell about two feet from the fire sheet which was cut for him. Mr. Croucher said that other volunteers helping the men to man the sheet. This unfortunate victim was killed almost instantaneously, suffering terrible

injuries. One of the most exciting rescues, said Mr. Croucher, was that in which a Chinese was seen to crawl along from the verandah on to a piece of ornamental masonry over the main entrance, at the height of the third floor. This man crouched on his precarious perch until the fire escape was run up. He was successfully brought down.

Retreat Cut Off.

Several American sailors were seen on the verandahs facing Ice House Street and their retreat was cut off by the blazing bedrooms. The fire sheet was again got into position and the men jumped, several being safely caught, and only bruised and shaken, while it is feared that at least two were so badly injured that they are among the fatalities.

Another European, thought to be a Frenchman, also jumped, but landed wide. Meanwhile, the fire had spread with tremendous rapidity, said Mr. Croucher. The entire building of the King Edward Hotel seemed to be involved and the two top floors of the Savoy Hotel were well alight. By this time a tremendous volume of water was being poured into the buildings, the fire floats getting to work from the Praya and a naval tug also coming up and getting much water into the fire zone. Mr. Croucher paid a high tribute to the work of British sailors off H.M.S. Suffolk, saying that the men worked at great hazard in doing everything they could.

Among the earliest on the scene were Europeans from the Hongkong and Shanghai Mess.

Early on the Scene.

A Telegraph reporter coming over from Kowloon at 3.30 found several people waiting for motor boats on the Kowloon side. Having offices in Alexandra building, they had been warned of the fire at the King Edward and were going over to discover the extent of the blaze. The course of the fire is described below, the initial outbreak being dealt with elsewhere by eye-witnesses who saw unfortunate residents killed and others make sensational escapes.

At four o'clock the second, third, fourth and fifth floors of the King Edward Hotel, on the Des Voeux

Road side, were well alight and it was obvious that nothing could save the upper part of the building. At this time, three lines of hose were being worked, but the flames had got such a fierce hold that they had little effect. Flames shot out from the verandahs and those standing in the doorway of the Bank of East Asia could easily feel the heat.

The fire escapes were in Ice House Street, that being the side of the building most affected and the side from which the majority of hotel residents jumped. The escape only reached up to the third floor, however.

Down Ice House Street, the fire spread only on the upper floors and at this time it was obvious that a terrible disaster would occur.

Spreads to Savoy.

By 4.30 the top floor of the Savoy Hotel was well alight, fierce flames shooting out over the verandahs. Lines of hose littered Chater Road, Ice House Street and Des Voeux Road. The full equipment of the Fire Brigade was soon brought to bear on the outbreak, a big fire float being moored at the Star Ferry pier and her searchlight playing full into Ice House Street.

Lines of hose were also taken up into Prince's Building and from the upper storeys streams of water were poured into the King Edward.

Despite the huge volume of water poured into the buildings, the fire continued to spread. On the Des Voeux Road side the upper floors were quickly gutted, falling debris sending up huge showers of sparks which at one time threatened Alexandra Building.

As a precaution, the sun blinds on the verandahs of Alexandra Buildings were taken down by office employees in order to remove inflammable material from the range of the showers of flying sparks.

Top Floors Fall In.

The fire raged most fiercely on the Des Voeux Road side, but by 4.30 the streams of water were beginning to take effect, but it was apparent that the top floors were nearly burned out. These floors soon fell in, sending more showers of sparks high into the air.

Spectacular in the extreme, the fire was watched by a comparatively small crowd, due to the early hour at which it broke out. Chinese folk left their quarters in full force to watch the fire, and the crowd was soon reinforced by a number of Europeans, several of whom were in night attire and dressing gowns.

Such residents of the King Edward and the Savoy Hotel as could get out found accommodation at the St. Francis, the Metropolitan and elsewhere.

The efforts of the Brigade in Ice House Street, directed from the upper floors of Prince's Building soon began to have an effect and gradually the flames died down, to give way to dense volumes of smoke, which filtered through the streets of the city. Even Wyndham Street was choked with smoke shortly after 4.30 a.m.

Naval Men Arrive.

A detachment of men from the Royal Navy arrived about five o'clock, in charge of officers. The men showed signs of being suddenly summoned, and they were equipped with top boots and brought along with them gas helmets, axes and life-lines. Directions were issued through Naval Officers by Superintendent Brooks.

The naval men were detailed to Prince's Building, where they let down lines and hauled up further lengths of hose.

From this stage, the fire was gradually got under effective control. With the additional lines from the top of Prince's Building, the Fire Brigade and naval men were able to concentrate on the top floor of the Savoy Hotel and soon the fierce glare died down. Further up Ice House Street, other lines of hose directed from Prince's Building also effectively quelled the fire in the top floors of the King Edward.

With the arrival of the naval detachment, firemen were re-

THE CASUALTIES.

Whilst it is not yet possible to give a full list of the casualties, the following have been definitely established.

DEAD.

Mr. P. Baile (French),
Seaman Kiah (American),
U.S.S. Memphis.
A European lady,
Mr. William Woods (British),
Mr. Chung (Secretary, to
Gen. Chan Ming-shu).
Two other Chinese (unidentified).
An unidentified Japanese woman.

The European lady is believed to be Mrs. Robson, the wife of Mr. D. J. Robson, Naval Store Officer at the Royal Naval Dockyard, who, at the time of writing, is himself missing. The couple had lived in the King Edward Hotel for about four months. It appears that Mrs. Robson jumped from the fourth floor of the Hotel, at the rear of the premises, and was instantly killed, her back being broken.

Mr. William Woods, was the Far Eastern representative of the W. E. Woods Company, of Wellington, New Zealand, owners of the Great Woods Peppermint Cure. He was found dead in his bed by firemen at 9 o'clock this morning in a room on one of the upper floors. He had been suffering from a severe chill and had been confined to his bed for the greater part of the week. Mr. Woods, who was an Australian, had been in Hongkong for the past two months on business.

INJURED.

Gen. Chan Ming-shu, Civil Governor of Canton.
Madame Chan Ming-shu.
Andrew Piccioli (23), U.S.S. Memphis.
To Chat (52), Hotel "Boy."
Ng Jor-yin (19), Hotel "Boy."
Leung Kwan, Hotel "Boy."

Both General and Madame Chan Ming-shu, who were due to leave for the North to-day by the s.s. Khyber, jumped from the burning building and, luckily, escaped serious injury. General Chan is injured in the legs, whilst his wife is suffering from burns. Andrew Piccioli has injuries to the left thigh and to one of his ankles.

To Chat has leg injuries, whilst the injuries to the others are of a minor character.

Heaved from duty at other points to concentrate on the Des Voeux Road side, where one of the fire escapes was placed. Firemen took lines of hose to the top, and pouring streams of water into the top three storeys, saw the worst part of the outbreak gradually die down.

Goods Removed.

Fears that Alexandra Building might also be involved were dispelled, but ladies were noticed in the premises of Au Petit Louvre removing the stock as a precaution against possible spread. Fortunately, the efforts of the fire-fighters were successful in stemming the spread of the flames which were of sufficient intensity to jump the narrow alleyway between the King Edward block and Alexandra Building.

The worst of one of Hongkong's most terrible fires had been seen by the break of dawn. As the darkness was lifted, the exterior of the hotel, merely blackened on the upper floors, with roof and windows missing, gave little real indication of the utter destruction inside. Hanging from one of the verandahs was seen the sheet by which Chief Petty Officer Phillips, of the U.S.S. Asheville, made a sensational escape.

Firemen broke down the side door of the King Edward about six o'clock in order to get at the smouldering masses of debris inside. The lines of hose were kept working at full pressure, how-

Most of Staff Safe.

As far as can be gathered, the majority of the employees of the King Edward Hotel have been accounted for. The Chinese "boys" tell stories of first running down from the upper floors, only to find that the normal way of escape was blocked by smoke and flames. The majority of them appear to have made their escape by the bridge leading from the King Edward Hotel to Alexandra Building. None of them saved their belongings, however; and three boys are believed to have been injured. They are stated to be Ng Goryin, To Chat and Leung Kwan.

Canton Governor's Escape.

General Chan Ming-shu, the Civil Governor of Kwangtung, and Commander of the 11th, Nationalist Army, who came down from Canton on Thursday last en route to Shanghai to attend the Third Kuomintang National Congress, had a lucky escape. General Chan was staying at the King Edward Hotel with his wife and his secretary, Mr. Chung. Mr. Chung at the moment is stated to be missing and is believed to have been killed.

General Chan Ming-shu was to have left on the s.s. Khyber yesterday but his departure was delayed. He was in the same room with his wife, in the second floor. The couple awoke to find the building in flames.

General Chan lost no time to assisting his wife, and dashed out on to the verandah. From there they were seen by firemen in the street, who called to them to jump into a sheet.

Both Madame and General Chan jumped one after the other from the second floor and were saved. They were admitted to the Government Civil Hospital at 4 a.m.

No Savoy Casualties.

All residents of the Savoy Hotel, the top floor of which was burned out, managed to escape without injury, as far as can be gathered at the moment. The majority made their way down the fire escape leading down to the alley running between the Savoy Hotel and Alexandra Building.

Residents in the Savoy Hotel last night were Mr. Pearson, Mr. Banner, Mr. and Mrs. M. Taguel and two-year-old baby, Mr. Cairn, Mr. Herbert, Mrs. Edmondson and two children, Mr. L. R. Labedel, Mr. Whelan, Mr. R. Limburg, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Larson, Mr. W. T. Geall, Mr. S. C. Blodier, Mr. G. Raymond, Mr. Wetton, Mr. M. Manuk, Mrs. Houre, Mr. and Mrs. Mancini, Miss M. Manuk, Miss A. H. Scarbrook, Mr. T. H. Baydt, Mr. Keller, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Clothier, Mr. Muller (U.S.S. Navy), Mr. Willard, Mrs. O. Peterson, Mr. William, Messrs. Rader and Wintolte, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Best.

Mr. Fan Ke-mo, the Finance Commissioner of the Canton Government, who was to accompany General Chan Ming-shu to Shanghai, escaped unhurt. He was able to make his way to a fire escape.

Organised Search.

So soon as the fire had been got under complete control, which was soon after seven o'clock, Mr. King, C.S.P., and other authorities decided to make a systematic search of the ruins for traces of the missing residents.

ever, and it seemed likely that pumping would go on for the best part of the day. As the hour grew later the crowd of spectators increased, but by this time there was little to see and gradually the streets cleared again.

The official Fire Brigade report is not available at the moment. The first call was put through to Central headquarters at 3.06, four engines being sent. Later two more were despatched from the out stations. Five motor pumps were used and both fire floats. By 6.40 a.m. the fire had been mastered.

It is understood that the King Edward Hotel is owned by Mr. Lau Yick-chuek and mortgaged to the Land Investment Co. for \$600,000. The management of the hotel was under a Chinese syndicate who took up the concern in July, 1928.

AMAZING ESCAPES.

A ROPE OF SHEETS AND BLANKETS.

PERILOUS EXPERIENCES OF TRAPPED RESIDENTS.

CHAN MING-SHU HURT.

Perhaps the most sensational escape was made by a Petty Officer in the American Navy, who is stated to be Mr. Phillips, of the U.S.S. Asheville.

The story of his escape is related by various eye-witnesses, from which it appears that the man had been occupying a room in the King Edward Hotel for the night and was first seen by those standing in Ice House Street when he appeared on one of the verandahs. Stories differ as to which floor it was, but from the evidence of the blanket rope which still hangs out of one of the hotel windows it seems clear that the escape was made from the fourth floor.

Hemmed in by flames and unable to get down the ordinary staircase of the hotel, Mr. Phillips went back into his room, took the sheets and blankets off the bed and made them into a rope which he fastened to the verandah. He could see the waiting fire escape down below, but it fell short of the floor he was on, and, with remarkable presence of mind, he determined to reach the fire escape by means of his improvised rope.

Chose Own Method.

Having secured the rope to the verandah, he climbed over, despite many cries from the street that he should jump down into one of the sheets held by firemen. Choosing his own method of escape, he lowered himself down the blanket rope to the third floor which could be reached by the fire escape. He then succeeded in getting on the ladder and thus made his way down to the street in safety.

Eye-witnesses who saw the escape are unanimous in their opinion that it required much pluck to essay the feat of getting down to the ladder. From all accounts the escape was made with a remarkable presence of mind, which called forth cheers from the spectators below, who watched every movement of the man high up above.

Another Escape.

An equally perilous escape was made by another resident on the third floor of the King Edward Hotel, who, refusing his name, told a Telegraph reporter that he was awakened by screams and general confusion. There was, however, no apparent panic in the hotel according to this informant. This resident also found exit by the staircase impossible.

At this time, he saw Mr. Wittchell and his children. Practically all the rooms were dense with smoke, and the flames were spreading rapidly.

The only possible way of escape was by climbing over the verandah of the King Edward Hotel, walking along the outside narrow ledge and thus getting into the Savoy Hotel. Clinging to the side of the hotel, almost like a fly, the resident risked death at every step by a fall into the street. With remarkable coolness, however, he made his way along and succeeded in reaching the Savoy Hotel, where he climbed over on to the verandah and so to safety.

When seen by a Telegraph reporter he refused to give his

name. He was dressed only in a suit and overcoat and, in reply to a question, said that all his personal property had presumably been burned in the fire. Joking after a nerve-racking experience, he said that climbing along the outer ledge of a building was difficult enough without having a suitcase to carry!

Hotel Boy's Experience.

Shouts for help from the King Edward Hotel were heard early on. One of the hotel "boys," named To Chat, finding himself trapped by the flames went on to the verandah, and, looking over, found a jumping sheet being held out in Ice House Street. He stood on the balustrade of the third floor verandah and jumped into the sheet. He is understood to be suffering from burns and leg injuries.

Another Chinese "boy" was seen climbing down from the third floor. He also clung to the masonry, finding a precarious foothold and by a commendable display of nerve managed to get down to the second floor verandah, where he was taken off by firemen on one of the escapes.

Another thrilling escape was made by Mr. Ng Ting-ying, a Canton Government engineer, who arrived in Hongkong two days ago to inspect the work on the new Canton gunboat recently built at Mongkok. He occupied room No. 405 on the fourth floor of the King Edward Hotel and told a Telegraph representative that he was awakened by shouts for help.

Brigade Rescue.

He dashed out of his room only to be met by flames. Finding that the exit to the lower floors was stopped by dense clouds of smoke, he ran out on to the verandah of his room, shouting for assistance. He was heard in the street below, but the jumping sheets were being used at the back part of the hotel where people were jumping, from the top floors.

Realising that only means of escape offered itself, Mr. Ng climbed from the verandah of the fourth floor to the ornamental stone work above the main entrance to the hotel. This consists of a ledge about a foot wide and offering only a precarious footing. Standing there in imminent peril, he was seen from the street and firemen were able to get the escape up to the place where Mr. Ng stood and so bring him down to safety.

Mr. Ng told a reporter that he considered his escape or rescue was a miraculous one. He said there was no way down from the ornamental stone work, and at that time there was no jumping sheet below. As he was surrounded by dense clouds of smoke he considered that he could not have stayed on the ledge much longer, but must soon have been overcome and fallen headlong into the street.

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